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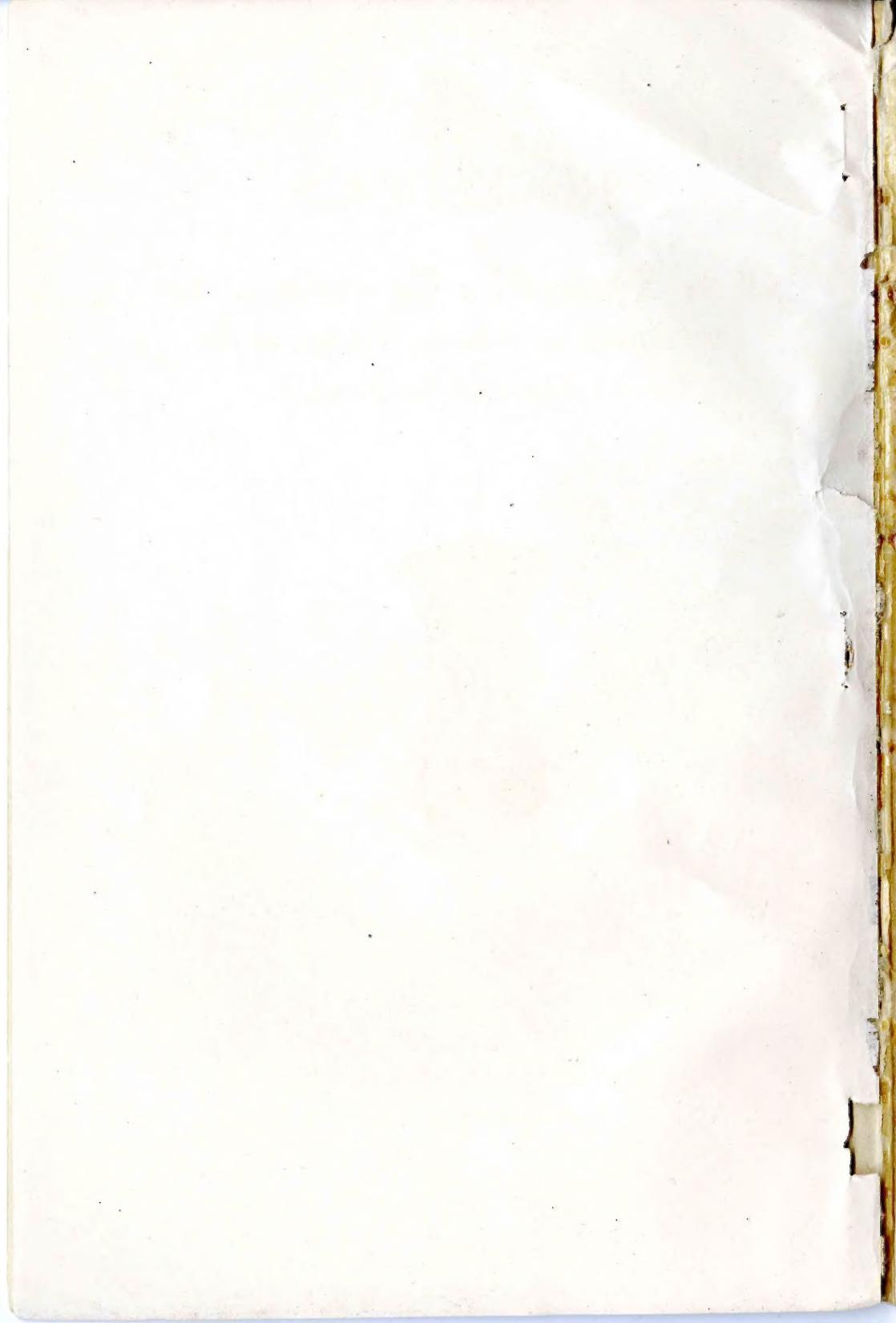


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Ladies of The G. A. R.

(Tune:—Maryland, My Maryland.)

Composed and dedicated to Ladies of the G. A. R., By Mabel C. Childers,
112 S. Boot St., Marion, Ind.

Who grow each day in all our land?

Ladies of the G. A. R.

Who strive to be a chosen band?

Ladies of the G. A. R.

Who love the patriot's peace he won?

Who share the service well begun,
And from the burdens will not run?

Ladies of the G. A. R.

Who love the Red, White and Blue?

Ladies of the G. A. R.

Who're to our country ever true?

Ladies of the G. A. R.

Whose arms are strong, who labor long,

To teach our youth the right from wrong?

Whose message speaks in prose and song?

Ladies of the G. A. R.

Who cheer the ailing, help the poor?

Ladies of the G. A. R.

Extend the aged an open door?

Ladies of the G. A. R.

Oh, Ladies, may our precepts grow,

'Til other nations learn to know,

How seeds of love and peace to sow,

Ladies of the G. A. R.

Who stay the Veteran's falt'ring step?

Ladies of the G. A. R.

His deeds of valor ne'er forget?

Ladies of the G. A. R.

Oh, Ladies, may our emblem wave

O'er Church and School and Home and Grave,

The banner thousands died to save,

Ladies of the G. A. R.

Twenty-Third Annual Convention, De- partment of Indiana, Ladies of the G. A. R.

RECEPTION

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1916.

Beginning every early in the day our delegates began to arrive at Headquarters, which was in the Vendome Hotel, and all day the reception committee of Evansville met trains, traction cars and boats, to greet the delegates and visitors, and direct them to their respective headquarters. There beautiful souvenir program and badges (which afterward served as free tickets to all attractions) were distributed upon presentation of credentials and registration.

In the evening at 7:30 the Annual Encampment of The Grand Army of the Republic, Women's Relief Corps, Ladies of G. A. R., Sons of Veterans, Ladies Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, and the Spanish War Veterans and Ladies Auxiliary began with an immense public gathering at Evans Hall, Mayor Bosse made the address of welcome and Governor Ralston the address of greetings. Responses were made by representatives of the various organizations. The addresses were interspersed with music, and all received hearty ovations and several responded to encores.

Proceedings

ORGANIZATION OF CONVENTION

MAY 10, 1916.

The Twenty-third Annual Convention of Department of Indiana, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic was held in the Walnut Street Presbyterian Church at Evansville, Indiana. Department President Mae Lonberger called the convention to order Wednesday morning, May 10, at 9 o'clock, and the following appointments were announced:

Assistant Secretary, Mattie Miller, Logansport.

Pianist—Edna Davis, Lafayette.

Conductors—Julia McCorkle, Lafayette, and Harriet Pope, Williamsport.

Guards—Dona Walter, Washington, and Norine Dobbins, Wolcott.

Pages—Edith White, Ft. Wayne, and Esther Newell, Elkhart.

Press Committee—Pearl Wright, Logansport, and Laura Collier, Terre Haute.

Committee on Reports—Florence Meyers, Vincennes; Florence Roberts, Indianapolis, and Della Hufty, Wolcott.

Committee on Resolutions—Agnes Carr, Crawfordsville; Margaret Padgett, Washington; Mary Ogle, Peru.

Credentials Committee—Elizabeth Howey, Lafayette; Anna McCoy, Vincennes; and Louise Giffin, Aurora.

Committees on Greetings—To the G. A. R.—Florence Newlin, Crawfordsville and Mary C. Kerr, Attica. To the W. R. C.—Fannie Gibson, Ft. Wayne and Emma Akers, Delphi. To the Sons of Veterans—Olive Allison, Richmond, and Alma Isenhower, Richmond. To Sons of Veterans Auxiliary—Zula Butcher, West Point, and Mamie Mogle, Terre Haute. To Spanish War Veterans—Anna U. Daily, Terre Haute, and Gertrude Murray, Monticello. To Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary—Amelia Collins, New Albany, and Addie Thomas, Indianapolis.

Tellers—Florence Newlin, Crawfordsville, and Eudora Fouts, West Point.

Judge—Mae Warfel, Monticello.

Committee on Courtesies—All Past Department Presidents.

Department Chaplain Mae Warfel read the Ninety-fifth Psalm and offered prayer. The opening ode was sung, the conductors took up the pass-word and reported all present members of the order.

The Flag of our Country was then presented by the conductors and Department Patriotic Instructor Harriet Furey. Convention joined in singing "Guard the Flag."

ROLL-CALL

The President declared the Convention open for the transaction of business and the secretary called the roll as follows, finding seventy-four members present, absentees being noted by a star (*) preceding the name:

OFFICERS

President—Mae Lonberger.

Senior Vice-President—*Mary E. Brown.

Junior Vice-President—Emma Schneider.

Secretary—Elizabeth Howey.

Treasurer—Rebecca E. Hollis.

Chaplain—Mae Warfel.

Counselor—Elizabeth Howard.

Inspector—Florence B. Roberts.

Librarian—*Ellen Kresler.

Patriotic Instructor—Harriet Furey.

Organizer—Pearl Wright.

Registrar—*Jessie Osborn.

Corresponding Secretaries—*Lida E. Manson, *Carrie E. Harper.

Council of Administration—Florence Newlin, Cora Has-finder, and *Verda Overly Lithie.

Committee to visit Knightstown Home—*Ella M. Myers, Norine Dobbins, and *Josephine Duddleson.

LINCOLN, CIRCLE NO. 1, LOGANSPORT

President—Pearl Wright.

Alternate—*Martina Palmer.

Delegates—*Edith Ball, Florence Shidler, *Nellie Sample, Eva Seybold, Harriet Furey, *Mollie Carney, Martha Kapp, and Stella Marion.

Alternate—*Gertrude Slater, *Bertha Walker, *Minnie Davis, *Esther Brennen, *Lillie Malin, *Catharine Horst, *Anna Porter, and *Esther Schultz.

Past Presidents—*Etta Lee Toby, Elizabeth Howard, *Abbie Truman, Emma Gordon (deceased), *Jane Cornwell, Pearl Wright, *Nellie Hencke, *Ida McElheny, *Mary Clevenger, *Catharine Enyart, Mattie Miller, and *Margaret Wright.

Past Department Presidents—*Etta Lee Toby, Pearl Wright, and Elizabeth Howard.

Past Department Secretaries—*Etta Lee Toby, Edna Lewis (deceased), and Mattie Miller.

Past National President—*Etta Lee Toby.

ROBT. MILROY, NO. 3, RENNSELAER

President—*Hattie Henkle.

Alternate—*Sarah Daniels.

Delegates—*Nellie McColly, and *Susan Maines.

Alternates—*Maud Mustard, and *Nettie Hoover.

Past Presidents—*Mariah Hopkins, *Ellen Kresler, *Hattie Nichols, *Grace Padgett, and *Maud Woodworth.

Past Department President—Carrie Porter (deceased).

Past Department Secretary—*Hettie Nichols.

JOHN A. LOGAN, NO. 7, LAFAYETTE

Julia
President—Jula McCorkle.

Alternate—*Can Graves.

Delegates—*Ida Buscher, and Anna Taylor.

Alternates—Edna Davis, and *Anna Dautel.

Past Presidents—*Can Graves, *Alice Kramer, and Anna Childs (deceased).

Past Department Presidents—*Can Graves, and *Alice Kramer.

Treasurer, (having served five consecutive years)—Julia McCorkle.

WM. T. SHERMAN, NO. 8, AURORA

President—*Louise Giffin.

Alternate—*Zerelda Rubble.

Delegate—*Laura Lambkin.

Alternate—*Bertha Peterson.

Past Presidents—*Emma Beach, *Laura Lambkin, *Margaret Beach, *Zerelda Rubbel, and *Bertha Peterson.

GOV. MOUNT, NO. 9, PERU

President—Mary Baker Ogle.

Alternate—*Anna Faunce.

Delegate—*Maud Shubert.

Alternate—Lucy Moore.

Past Presidents—*Julia Click, Salina Harman, (deceased),
*Alice J. Smith, *Jennie Barnhart, *Jane Roads, Mary Baker,
and *Anna Faunce.

FRANK BALDWIN, NO. 14, ELKHART

President—*Anna Davis.

Alternate—*Belle Oaks.

Delegates—Esther Newell.

Alternates—*Allie Potts.

Past Presidents—*Catharine Snyder, *Hattie Jeffers,
and *Louisa Dillon.

Treasurer, (having served five consecutive years)—
*Catharine Snyder.

GARFIELD, NO. 15, RICHMOND

President—Emma Schneider.

Alternate—*Clara Hennegar.

Delegate—Alma Isenhower.

Alternate—*Laura Nicholson.

Past Presidents—*Margaret Blose, *Mary Modlin, *Ella
Howe, Mary Graham (deceased), Jennie Harris (deceased),
*Louisa Bailey, and *Agnes Northup.

Past Department Presidents—Olive Allison, * Margaret
Blose.

Past Department Secretaries—Olive Allison, Jennie
Harris (deceased).

Treasurer, (having served five consecutive years), *Jessie
Coreoran.

A. D. STREIGHT, NO. 16, INDIANAPOLIS

President—Emma Mumaw.

Alternate—*Jennie Beaver.

Delegates—*Mary Hodge, and *Alvada White.

Alternates—*Mary Smith, and *Gertie Campbell.

Past Presidents—*Caroline Banks, *Belva Statley, *Jessie
Rodgers, *Mary Nicodemus, Addie Thomas, *Clara Kemeutz,
*Caroline Rentz, *Mollie Collins, and *Gertie Faust.

Past Department Treasurer—Addie Thomas.

S. W. STIRK, NO. 18, FT. WAYNE

President—Fannie Gibson.

Alternate—Rose Seely.

Delegates—Cora Winning, *Josie Henry, and *Mildred Koster.

Alternates—*Delilah Brindle, *Bessie Redman, and *Myrtle Corbet.

Past Presidents—Mary Corlett (deceased), Ermina Sawtelle (deceased), *Sue R. Beals, Fannie Gibson, *Lucy, Coleman.

Past Department Presidents—Ermina Sawtell (deceased), and *Sue R. Beals.

U. S. GRANT, NO. 19, WASHINGTON

President Margaret Padgett.

Alternate—*Belle Fares.

Delegates—Fannie Bruner, *Florence Capehart, *Sarah Lett and Falaura McCreary.

Alternates—*Agnes Dove, Harriet Burris, Ruth Palmer, and *Margaret Jackman.

Past Presidents—*Mary C. Fitts, Ivy Wagoner, Rebecca E. Hollis, Mary E. Ellis, *Mary Sullivan, Sarah Holland, Margaret Padgett, *Virginia Wood, *Helen Ellis, Tillie Bales (deceased), Dona Walter, Serepta Summers, *Frances Johnson, and *Sallie Swan.

Past Department Treasurer—Rebecca E. Hollis, (6 years).

MARTHA WASHINGTON, NO. 21, MARION

President—Elnora Fowler.

Alternate—*Mary Stevens.

Delegates—Edith Sheridan, Mary E. Custer, *Jessie Hulgan, *Sadie Peopels, and *Mabel Childers.

Alternates—*Dora Lovell, *Martha Scott, *Martha Rogers, *Mary Covault, * Matilda Shephard, and Pauline Brown (seated by vote of Convention).

Past Presidents—*Kate McCarty, *Arminda Long, *Lydia Stevens, *Jane Overly, *Verda O. Lithe, *Hannah Gilpin, *Caroline Manring, *Edith Steward, *Etta Porter, *Mary Martiens, *Mary Hitchcock and *Jessie White.

Treasurer, (having served five consecutive years)—*Jessie White.

T. W. BENNETT, NO. 23, INDIANAPOLIS

President—Cora V. Clapp.

Alternate—*Catharine Porter.

Delegate—Frances McClure.

Alternate—*Jennie Agal.

Past Presidents—Florence B. Roberts, *Mattie Frazee,
*Eliza Davis, *Sarah Jane Bolen, and *Laura Kaley Hatcher.

Secretary, (having served five consecutive years)—Florence B. Roberts.

Treasurer, (having served five consecutive years)—
*Mattie Frazee.

GENERAL LAWTON, NO. 24, MONTICELLO

President—Gertrude Murray.

Alternate—*Alice Smoker.

Delegate—Estella Hanawalt.

Alternate—*Ella Robinson.

Past Presidents—*Kate C. Ward, *Gertrude Meeker,
*Susan Price, *Maria L. Guthrie, *Rebecca Hamill, *Anna
Bennett, *Maggie Condo, *Laura Day, Mae Warfel, and *Mary
Denton.

Secretary, (having served five consecutive years)—*Jennie
Fording.

Treasurer, (having served five consecutive years)—*Ida
Murray.

PHIL SHERIDAN, NO. 26, VINCENNES

President—Florence Myers.

Alternate—*Malinda Johnson.

Delegates—Melissa Bateman, and *Rose West.

Alternates—*Ida Lithuland, and *Rose Hamm.

Past President—Anna E. McCoy.

CAPTAIN KISER, NO. 31, WEST POINT

President—Zula Roberts Butcher.

Alternate—*Effie C. Ritenour.

Delegates—*Mary A. Roberts, *Della Mills and *Minnie
Fridley.

Alternates—Alla Lee Whitehall, *Frances Evans, and
*Addie Beers.

Past Presidents—*Elvira A. Cassell, *Lizzie M. Mills, *Mollie
Johnson, *Jeanette Smith, *Ella Andrews, Eudora C. Fouts,

Mary C. Douglas, Mae Lonberger, and *Adolphia DeFreese.
Past Department Presidents—*Elvira A. Cassell.
Past Department Secretary—Eudora C. Fouts.

OXFORD, NO. 34, OXFORD

President—*Jennie Miller.
Alternate—*Belle Minturn.
Delegate—*Mattie Harbolt.
Alternate—*Alice Kelly.
Past Presidents—*Grace Carnahan, *Alice Kelly, *Loretta Carnahan, *Bertha Pletcher, and *Louise Young.
Treasurer, (having served five consecutive years)—Alice Kelly.
Past Department Treasurer—Grace Carnahan.

OLD GLORY, NO. 35, GALVESTON

President—*Victoria Bell.
Alternate—*Fluteau Walker.
Delegate—*Lenora Howard.
Alternate—*Martha Hiller.
Past Presidents—*Lenora Howard, Alice Murphy (deceased), and *Fluteau Walker.

GENERAL MANSON, NO. 36, CRAWFORDSVILLE

President—Florence Newlin.
Alternate—*Helen Lambert.
Delegates—Sarah Daggett, Louise Johnson, Della McCormick, and *Elizabeth Hernley.
Alternates—*Alma Stout, *Adeline White, *Della Ross, and Ruth Hernley.
Past Presidents—*Elizabeth Eastlack, *Lida E. Manson, *Frances Abraham, *Marietta Baker, *Louise D. Lane, Agnes E. Carr, Jennie Irvine, Cora Leach, Amelia Collins, Margaret Finger, and *Laura Brothers.
Secretary, (having served five consecutive years)—Amelia Collins.
Treasurer, (having served five consecutive years)—*Ella M. Myers.
Past Department Presidents—*Lida E. Manson, Jennie Irvine, and Cora Leach.
Past Department Secretaries—Amelia Collins and Agnes E. Carr.
Past Department Treasurer—Jennie Irvine.

Delegate—*Clara Carrick.
Alternate—*Emma Henderson.
Past Presidents—*Florence Buchanan and *Myrtle Staley.

MORTON, NO. 43, DELPHI

President—Emma Akers.
Alternate—*Dora Lyons.
Delegates—*Emma C. Taylor and *Jane Gresham.
Alternates—*Elizabeth Woodruff and *Mary Blithe.
Past President—*Harriet Gros.

McKINLEY, NO. 44, BRINGHURST

President—*Anna Wingard.
Alternate—*Pearl Ledman.
Delegates—*Alma Kearns and *Gladys Quinn.
Alternates—*Lillie Schafer and *Margaret Metsger.

WAYNE, NO. 45, FT. WAYNE

President—*Clara Hickman.
Alternate—*Eva Whiteman.
Delegate—Edith White.
Alternate—*Addie Mariotte.
Past Presidents—*Clara M. White, *Alice W. Sink, and
*Mary J. Stirk.
Past Department Secretary—*Mary J. Stirk.

Seated by vote of Convention—Emma Tryon, Monroeville,
Indiana.

National Treasurer, Olive Allison, department and past-department officers, were introduced to the Convention and given seats on the platform. The following was then read:

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

The Credential Committee have credentials from the 27 Circles in good standing, showing that 230 are entitled to seats in this Convention and 77 are present, representing 20 Circles.

ELIZABETH HOWEY
ANNA McCOY
LAURA COLLIVER
Committee



MAE LONBERGER
Department President



The guard announced a quartet from George H. Thomas Post, Indianapolis, in waiting at the door. Business was suspended and they were admitted. The quartet were Gen. B. A. Richardson, M. D. Butler, S. L. Potter and Frank C. Huston. Frances McClure, a member of T. W. Bennett Circle was their accompanist. We were given two splendid songs, "I'll try to raise my boy to be a Hero," and "Bonnie Flag."

Senior Vice-President Mary Brown, being absent Junior Vice-President Emma Schneider, was called to the chair while the Department President gave her address:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

My Dear Sisters:—One year ago, you conferred upon me the highest honor in our organization in electing me your president, which I appreciated very much. I accepted that honor, feeling the responsibility, and resolved, with God's help, I would do the very best I could to be true and loyal to the obligation I assumed, and, at the close of my year's work I can say, I have done my duty as best I saw it, at all times.

The work has been pleasant, as a whole, and the duties that have been a little hard to perform, were only little clouds that disappeared and most times left a silver lining.

On entering upon my duties, I found Gen. Wallace Circle, No. 33 at Pine Village, in a very weak condition, in fact, couldn't get enough out for a quorum, and I have tried in many different ways to get them interested, but as yet there are no visible results.

Gen. Thomas Circle, No. 25, at Monroeville, which was suspended last year, has manifested a desire to reorganize, but on account of so much sickness, has been unable to do so as yet. I have received several encouraging letters and feel my successor will be able to reorganize this circle soon.

I was almost ready to grant a charter to 25 ladies but on thorough investigation felt it would reflect nothing good upon our work and I had said, when I first took the work, if any new Circles were organized, I would desire quality before quantity. We are at a place in our history, where we must build on a good and firm foundation, that we may not only instill Patriotism, but true character-building in our work; and that has been and is my motto—that we may place each Circle on a good foundation, and the work will progress in the right spirit.

I have written 679 letters, have inspected 14 Circles and visited 6 other Circles and I find the work progressing in a pleasing manner, most every place, and with many active workers. This is very pleasing to us, for we are in need of that kind of members these uncertain days of our Nation, not knowing what the rise of the morning sun will bring forth, and it behooves us to be very loyal to our cause.

I had the pleasure of witnessing the organizing of a camp of Sons' of Veterans of nearly 50 members at Logansport a short time ago, and what was also pleasing to me was the fact, it was instituted by our Dept. Organizer, Pearl Wright. The same night, all that were not members of our order received our obligation, and we are very proud of them.

I am pleased to report a gain of 246 members. While I have not accomplished what I had hoped to, if I have made one Circle stronger or better in any way I feel well repaid.

My year's work has given me many pleasures that I will be always pleased to remember, and those who have so courteously entertained me in their homes, I thank very kindly. To Comrade A. C. McCorkle and wife, of Lafayette, who have been so kind as to make me feel their home was open all hours to me, in entertaining me day and night and lending every possible aid to our work, I am deeply grateful.

To my Counselor, who has been so ready at all times to help me, and my dear Secretary and Treasurer, who have been so competent in their respective duties, I tender my grateful thanks.

Last but not the least of my pleasures were my visits to the Knightstown Home and our National Encampment at Washington, D. C., which would take days to tell about.

I shall miss, more than words can express, the many kind letters I have received and will assure you the many friends that have stood by me so loyally will never be forgotten, and I trust you will be just as loyal to our cause and to my successor as you have been in the past year to me.

I desire to remain loyally yours in F. C. and L.

MAE LONBERGER,

Dept. President.

A motion carried that this excellent report, and all other reports, be accepted and placed in the hands of the proper committee.

Reports of Senior Vice-President, Junior Vice-President, Chaplain and Department Secretary were presented as follows:

SENIOR-VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Marion, Ind.

To the officers and members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic;

Dear Sisters: I beg to return my thanks to the members of this department for the honor conferred upon me one year ago. The opportunity for doing much did not present itself, so well has our Department President performed her work, yet I feel happy to know that I have done what I could.

My relations with Department have cemented friendships that will ever be pleasant memories.

It is with deep regret, that I am unable to be with you, but my thoughts are with you, that your session be one of pleasure and love,

I am lovingly, in F. C. and L.

MARY EMMA BROWN

Dept. Senior Vice-President.

JUNIOR-VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Richmond, Ind.

To the officers and members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sisters: I wish to thank the members of this department for the confidence they placed in me one year ago.

Although the office did not present any opportunities for work I assure you I was always waiting and ready to do my duty.

I am, sincerely yours in F. C. and L.

EMMA SCHNEIDER

Dept. Junior-Vice President.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Monticello, Ind.

To the officers and members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sisters: It has been a great pleasure to me to serve as your Department Chaplin since you elected me to that office one year ago, in which time and talent I have given you to the best of my ability. I now beg to submit the following report, of the duties my office required of me:

I sent notice to 27 circles of the time they should send reports from 26 circles. I wrote between 80 and 90 letters and cards.

Number of circles strewing flowers on water—9.

Members attending Memorial Services—539.
 Members attending Memorial Services in Hall—364
 Sisters passed away during past year—24.
 Veterans passed away during year—62.
 Graves of sisters decorated—200.
 Graves of Honorary Members decorated—557.
 Money expended for flowers—\$179.85.
 Amount donated—\$225.10.
 Amount of bouquets used—17,925.
 Potted plants used—155.
 Emblems used—48.
 Total number of graves decorated—90,630.
 Number of children taking part Memorial Day—3,549.
 Number of flags used Memorial Day—50,800.
 Mounds erected for unknown dead—6.
 May God bless and keep us ever mindful of our duties to
 each other, to our beloved order and our own dear comrades.

I am ever your sister, in F. C. and L.

MAE WARFEL

Department Chaplain.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Department President officers and members.
 Following is Department Secretary's report for this
 year:

Number of Circles at last report.....	28
Number of Circles suspended.....	1
Number of Circles remaining.....	27
Number of Members by last report.....	1,533
Gain in members by initiation.....	217
Gain in members by transfer.....	4
Gain in members by reinstatement.....	25
Total gain	246
Aggregate	1,779
Loss of members by death.....	28
Loss of members by honorable discharge.....	9
Loss of members by transfer.....	19
Loss of members dropped from roll.....	117
Loss of members by suspended circle.....	19
Loss of names being re-copied.....	6
Total loss	198
Net membership at the present time.....	1,581



ELIZABETH HOWEY
Department Secretary



HONORARY MEMBERS

Number of veterans.....	744
Number of sons of veterans.....	155
Number of grandsons.....	5
Total membership.....	2,458

FINANCES FOR THE YEAR

Received by Circles.....	\$2,008.31
Expended by Circles—	
For relief.....	\$ 263.44
To G. A. R.....	143.34
To Soldier's Widow.....	2.50
To Orphans' Home.....	86.45
Incidentals	1,710.76
Relief other than money.....	1,659.47
Funds on hand.....	4,441.05
Flags used in burial services.....	161.00

DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS

For Per Capita Tax.....	\$685.30
For Knightstown Home Fund.....	73.75

DISBURSEMENTS

Per Capita Tax to National.....	\$187.83
By Warrants from 1 to 68.....	981.84

In the correspondence of this office, I have sent out to all proper persons the National and Department Orders, and all official blanks, and have written more than two hundred letters.

One of the pleasant memories of my year's work was the privilege of spending Christmas Eve and Morning with the children of the Knightstown Home, and helping to distribute the 500 boxes of candy given by this department.

This candy was put into the boxes at the home of Comrade and Sister McCorkle where Sisters Edna Davis, Julia McCorkle, Department President Mae Lonberger and myself spent the greater part of one day, filling, labeling, and packing these boxes.

Then came two comrades from John A. Logan Post to our assistancee, Andrew Jackson and Samuel Walker, to nail up the four large boxes and start them on their way.

In conclusion, I just want to say, that the many messages of good cheer from the members and cireles of this department were gratefully received. I shall remember with much appreciation all the acts of kindness shown me the past year.

Yours in F. C. and L.

ELIZABETH HOWEY

Dept. Secretary.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER

To the officers and members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Indiana.

Dear Sister: The following is my report for the year from May 28, 1915, to May 9, 1916.

Supplies on hand May 28, 1915.....	\$ 74.87
Cash on hands May 28, 1915.....	307.00
Per Capita Tax from all Circles during year.....	685.30
Amount received for supplies during year.....	280.36
Knightstown Home Christmas fund.....	73.75
Received from 10 dispensations.....	2.50
 Total	 <hr/>
Total	\$1,423.78

SUPPLIES ON HAND MAY 9, 1916

53 Primary school flag exercise blanks.....	\$ 0.53
140 Ode cards and 58 Officers ode cards.....	4.15
31 Rules and regulations.....	2.48
10 Rituals	2.50
3 Proposition books.....	1.35
5 Historys of the flag.....	.50
9 Receipt books.....	2.70
9 Warrant books.....	2.70
3 Music odes.....	.45
4 Charters	4.00
9 Charter blanks18
90 Registrar blanks.....	1.90
30 Treasurer's bond blanks.....	1.50
12 Greeting cards for Sons of Veterans.....	.36
12 Greeting cards for Comrades.....	.36
14 Honorable discharge cards.....	.28
2 Transfer cards.....	.02
19 Visiting cards57
8 Key cards.....	.08
6 Bronze badges and 23 Officers badges.....	10.70
2 Oleograph History of the Flag, to be framed.....	.80
1 Electrototype for letter heads.....	.40
5 Yards badge ribbon.....	2.50
1 Small solid gold star pin.....	1.50
3 Solid gold star pin.....	3.18
2 Solid gold stars with bars.....	3.20
1 Plated bar pin.....	.90

2	Plated star pin.....	1.30
275	Membership blanks.....	2.75
40	Bronze bars for badges.....	6.00
8	Bronze stars for badges.....	1.60
46	Bronze pendants for badges.....	3.00
35	Memorial flags.....	14.00
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	Total value.....	\$78.44
	Supplies used by Department Officers.....	1.45
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	Net total.....	\$76.99

DISBURSEMENTS

1	Ross Brothers, printing and stationery.....	\$ 11.50
2	Nellie R. McMillan, Natl. Treas., supplies.....	37.16
3	Mae Lonberger, Dept. Pres., postage.....	5.00
4	Elizabeth Howey, Dept. Secy., postage.....	5.00
5	Mae Lonberger, Dept Pres., traveling expenses.....	5.00
6	Smith Printing Co., printing proceeding.....	90.75
7	Nellie R. McMillan, Natl. Treas., for supplies.....	27.33
8	Loeb & Hene Co., for new trunk for Dept. Secy.....	9.00
9	Nellie R. McMillan, Natl. Treas. for supplies.....	17.52
10	Mattie Miller, postage on proceedings.....	2.89
11	Annie M. Michner, present for National President.....	5.00
12	Nellie R. McMillan, Natl. Treas., per capita tax.....	46.08
13	Mae Lonberger, Dept. Pres.....	5.00
14	R. E. Hollis, Dept. Treas., stamps and expressage.....	4.85
16	Elizabeth Howard, badges for national.....	3.00
17	Mae Lonberger, Dept. Pres., traveling expenses.....	7.00
18	Pearl Wright, Traveling expenses to Evansville.....	7.00
19	Annie U. Daily, Delegate exp. to Natl. Conv.....	9.00
20	Belle Roberts, Delegate exp. to Natl. Conv.....	9.00
21	Mary Douglas, Delegate exp. to Natl. Conv.....	9.00
22	Julia McCorkle, Delegate exp. to Natl. Cov.....	9.00
23	Elizabeth Howey, Delegate exp. to Natl. Conv.....	9.00
24	Mattie Miller, Delegate-at-large to Natl. Conv.....	37.10
25	R. E. Hollis, Dept. Treas for bond.....	2.50
26	Mae Lonberger, Dept. Pres., expenses to Conv.....	44.60
27	Mae Lonberger, Dept Pres., expenses to Con.....	44.05
28	Mae Lonberger, expenses on inspection trip.....	10.40
29	Olive I. Allison, Natl. Treas., per capita tax.....	46.86
30	Elizabeth Howey, Dept. Sect., postage.....	5.00
31	Olive I. Allison, balance on per capita tax.....	.42
32	Mae Lonberger, inspection trip.....	10.71

33	Ross Brothers, printing general order No. 2.....	3.43
34	Mae Lonberger, Dept. Pres., Traveling exp.....	12.36
35	Mae Lonberger, Inspection trip expenses.....	4.75
36	Olive I. Allison, Natl. Treas., for supplies.....	21.36
37	Carrie E. Harper, Stamps and post-cards.....	.28
38	Normie Dobbins, Visiting Knightstown Home.....	5.68
39	Mae Lonberger, Expenses inspection trip.....	14.38
40	Elizabeth Howey, Candy for Knightstown Home....	58.45
41	Eliza Browning, for inspection expenses.....	1.85
42	Elizabeth Eastlack, for inspection expenses.....	.65
43	Helen Ellis, for inspection expenses.....	3.50
44	Mae Lonberger, postage and telephone.....	5.70
45	Olive I. Allison, Natl. Treasurer.....	15.58
46	R. E. Hollis Dept. Treas., stamps and expressage...	5.60
47	Mae Lonberger, Inspection trip.....	4.15
48	Olive I. Allison, Natl. Treas., per capita tax.....	47.04
49	Josephine Duddleson, visiting Orphans' Home.....	4.20
50	Olive I. Allison, Natl. Treas., for supplies.....	24.37
51	Olive I. Allison, Natl. Treas., for supplies.....	2.40
52	Florence Roberts, inspection trip expenses.....	2.00
53	Harriet Furey, postage and express.....	2.46
54	Elizabeth Howey, Dept. Seey., postage and tel.....	2.00
55	Capt. Wallace Foster, flags for the Orphans' Home..	28.00
56	Ross Brothers, printing gen orders No. 3.....	3.63
57	Mae Lonberger, Dept. Pres., traveling expenses.....	10.05
58	Mae Warfel, Inspection.....	3.40
59	Olive I. Allison, Natl. Treas., for supplies.....	32.68
60	Olive I. Allison, Natl. Treas, for supplies.....	17.32
61	Ella M. Myers, visiting Orphans' Home.....	3.70
62	Olive I. Allison, Natl. Treas., for per capita tax...	47.43
63	Mae Lonberger , expenses to Dept. Convention.....	25.00
64	Nellie R. McMillan, Past Natl. Treas., for supplies..	15.84
65	Olive I. Allison, Natl. Treas., for supplies.....	2.70
66	Elizabeth Howey, Dept. Seey, present for pres....	10.00
67	R. E. Hollis, Dept. Treas., stamps and expressage...	4.35
68	Jessie Osborn, Dept. Registrar, postage.....	1.54
Total Disbursements.....		\$981.84
Total supplies on hand.....		76.99
Total receipts.....		1,348.90
Net cash on hand.....		\$367.07
In conclusion I want to thank all sisters of our order for		



REBECCA E. HOLLIS
Department Treasurer



the kind letters and advice given me through the year, which I surely have appreciated and again thanking you all, I am,

Loyally your sister, in F. C. & L.

MRS. R. E. HOLLIS, Dept. Treas.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF DEPT. TREASURER

Cash balance.....	\$367.07
CONVENTION EXPENSES	
69 Olive I. Allison, Southern Memorial fund.....	\$ 15.00
70 Committee, for a present for Natl. President.....	5.00
71 R. E. Hollis, Dept. Treas., flowers for convention, Greetings and Memorial of Dept. Sisters.....	8.00
72 R. E. Hollis, Dept. Treas., to janitor of church.....	2.00
74 R. E. Hollis, Dept. Treas., hotel rooms for head- quarters	29.50
75 Olive I. Allison, expenses of Natl. President.....	6.75
76 R. E. Hollis, Dept. Treas., meals, bus hire, postage and incidental expenses.....	12.04
77 Mae Lonberger, Dept. Prs., balance of her expenses at Convention.....	1.35
Total convention expenses.....	\$104.64
Total balance.....	262.43
Supplies sold at convention.....	1.95
Net cash on hand.....	\$264.38

R. E. HOLLIS, Dept. Treas.

The guard reported that a committee from the G. A. R., was in waiting. They were escorted to the platform, introduced and seated. This committee was composed of Col. A. B. Crampton, Governor of the National Soldiers' Home, Marion, Indiana; W. N. Pickerill, Indianapolis; and Major Henry B. Sparks, of Rising Sun. Col. Crampton, a member of our order gave a splendid address, highly complimentary to the Ladies of the G. A. R., so much so, that Comrades Pickerill and Sparks decided to be members, and were at once obligated. All were presented with badges and carnations.

Dept. Pres. Amanda Cabell, of Kentucky and Tennessee, and Sister Maria Wilson, of Henderson, Ky., where then introduced by Past Dept. Pres. Jennie Irvine. Both gave interesting

talks of our work in their department. Sister Cabell closed her remarks by saying—

“We Live Americans
We Are Americans
And We Die Americans.”

Department President then read a communication from the chief of the staff and chief marshal of Evansville, asking that all national department officers of all Patriotic organizations be at stated places, to take automobiles for the parade.

By motion, business was suspended while U. S. Grant Circle, No. 19, of Washington, exemplified the ritualistic work. With Sister Margaret Padget as their president the work was given in a very beautiful and pleasing manner, and with much credit to both the circle and our order. Memorial services followed.

This service was opened by singing “Rock of Ages,” and prayer by the chaplain, each circle as roll was called, gathered around the altar, and while “Near my God to Thee, was played softly, the names of deceased Sisters were called, the Chaplain would read a short passage from 14th chapter of St. John, and the president of that circle would place flowers in memory of the sister that had gone before. The services closed by singing “Blest be the Tie,” and prayer by chaplain.

Committee from Sons of Veterans reported greetings most cordially received. Convention then adjourned until 8 o'clock Thursday morning.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The parade took place at 2 o'clock, in which National and Department officers were given a place. Governor Ralston, Commander Lewis King, and all veterans not able to walk, reviewed the parade from or near the reviewing stand. The parade was a very unusual one, this year. With the Grand Army Boys was the State Centennial Celebration, which made the parade about an hour passing a given point. It showed Indiana's History from 1816 to 1916. And proved to all visitors that much time and labor had been spent by the citizens of Evansville, to make our stay a very pleasant and enjoyable one.

After the parade a reception was given at Evans Hall for National and Department officials of the various organizations.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

One of the pleasant memories of the Evansville Encampment was the moonlight excursion on the Steamer Hopkins. It was much enjoyed by the nearly nine hundred delegates and friends of the different organizations. The trip was made to Henderson, Kentucky, about twelve miles down the Ohio river. All reported "the best time ever."

THURSDAY MORNING, 8:00 A. M.

Convention opened in regular form. Almost every delegate was in her seat at this early hour. Conductors retired and presented National President Catherine DeLacy Roche and National Treasurer Olive Allison. Department Secretary read the reports of Department Librarian and Registrar. Department Inspector Florence Roberts read her report. Norine Dobbins read the report of the committee that visited the Knightstown Home. These reports follow:

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT LIBRARIAN

To the officers and members of the twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sisters:—Circles have reported as follows to the Knightstown Home Fund:

Amount in Fund from last year.....	\$12.57
Received from Circles this year.....	\$
No. 1. Lincoln.....	5.00
No. 3. Robert Milroy.....	3.00
No. 7. John A. Logan.....	2.00
No. 8. Wm. Sherman.....	2.00
No. 9. Gov. Mount.....	3.00
No. 14. Frank Baldwin.....	2.00
No. 15. Garfield.....	2.00
No. 16. A. D. Streight.....	2.00
No. 18. S. W. Stirk.....	5.00
No. 19. U. S. Grant.....	3.00
No. 21. Martha Washington.....	5.00
No. 23. T. W. Bennett.....	2.00
No. 24. General Lawton.....	2.00
No. 26. Phil Sheridan.....	2.00
No. 31. Capt. Kiser.....	2.00
No. 34. Oxford.....	3.55
No. 35. Old Glory.....	
No. 36. Gen. Manson.....	5.00

No. 37.	Williamsport.....	2.00
No. 38.	Attica.....	2.00
No. 39.	Terre Haute.....	2.00
No. 40.	Chester Thompson.....	5.00
No. 41.	Benj. Harrison.....	1.00
No. 42.	Loyal.....	
No. 43.	Morton.....	3.20
No. 44.	McKinley, barrel of fruit worth \$15.	
No. 45.	Wayne.....	5.00
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Amount received this year.....		73.75
For candy, boxes, drayage, freight and one car fare to Knightstown Home.....		\$58.45
For fourteen flags to place in each school room at the Knightstown Home.....		28.00
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Total paid out		\$86.45

I wish to extend thanks to our Department President for honors bestowed, and trust we as Ladies of the Grand Army will hold ourselves in readiness at any time to cheer and aid the Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic and their dependent ones.

Yours in F. C. & L.,
ELLEN KRESLER
Department Librarian.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

To the officers and members of the Twenty-third annual convention, Ladies of the Grand Army.

Dear Sister: I received reports from 22 circles and copied the list of membership consisting of 350 names. Many of the lists from last year were incomplete as some did not give company or full name, as required.

I wrote 68 letters and 8 cards and in response received 44 letters and 25 cards, corrected 103 names not complete.

The Circles that did not respond were, Soldier's Home, Logansport, Indianapolis, Aurora, Galveston, Vincennes and Fort Wayne.

Thanking our dear department president for the honor she bestowed upon me, and wishing each circle success in the future,

I am loyally, in F. C. & L.,
JESSIE OSBORN
Department Registrar.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT

To the officers and members of the Twenty-third annual convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Before making my report I wish to thank our most worthy president for the honor conferred upon me in appointing me inspector, and also the sisters that have aided and assisted me in my work, and to them I extend my sincere thanks, I take pleasure in submitting the following report:

Number of Circles in good standing.....	27
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Total Membership.....	2,485
Membership in good standing.....	1,581
Veterans of Cival War.....	744
Sons of Veterans.....	155
Grandsons of Veterans.....	5
Amount in Relief fund.....	\$ 177.87
Amount in Special fund.....	97.78
Amount in General fund.....	1,151.63
Amount spent for relief.....	127.40
Amount spent for relief other than money.....	1,343.40
Amount given to G. A. R. Posts.....	300.00
Amount given to S. and S. Orphans Home.....	91.75
Amount given Memorial fund.....	80.00
Number of flags used for comrades.....	203

Again I wish to express my thanks to our President who has been so willing at all times to assist me in any way she could, and my wish for her is that her life may be one of sunshine and happiness.

Trusting this may be the best convention ever, and that whatever may be accomplished will be for the upbuilding and advancement of our noble order, I am

Loyally yours in F. C. & L.,

FLORENCE B. ROBERTS

Department Inspector.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

To the officers and members of the Twenty-third annual convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sisters: I have the honor to submit the following report. As only 26 circles reported, I cannot give a complete report. Not having much to work with, I have tried to fill the office to the best of my ability, and at all times honestly striven for the upbuilding of our beloved order.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my year's work and am only sorry that I was not able to do more. Have sent to the circles the following leaflets, "Primary lessons on the Flag," "Prophecy of the Flag," "Life and Character of Abraham Lincoln," Patriotic Instructor books and National Hymns.

Active Membership of Department.....	1,328
Honorary Membership.....	771
Sons of Veterans co-operating.....	114
Grandsons	5
Mothers as Honorary Members.....	2
Schools visited in cities.....	64
Schools visited in Rural Districts.....	21

The children are taught to salute the flag in every school and our public school teachers are the best aid we have in this work.

Days observed by schools are Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday, McKinley's birthday, Flag Day and Independence Day.

Flags given to schools and buildings.....	30
Flags given to schools and buildings.....	30
Flags given for Soldier's graves.....	258
Markers for Soldier's graves.....	56
Children taking part in Memorial Day.....	6,044

Memorial Day reports have been very gratifying and generally observed by all circles.

The spirit of love and patriotism is becoming more manifest every year and children are realizing what love of flag and country means, and our National holidays observed with a clear meaning to the children. In my personal work I visited 15 schools and taught the flag salute to 58 children.

Small flags were presented for platform work, and flowers, bulbs, plants and seeds to beautify school yards, and one basket for school festival. I desire to say that I furnished my own stationery. When some circles were a little slow about sending in reports, I sent postals reminding them of the importance of sending in reports before convention.

In closing my report I wish to say that the associations with our Department President, and Department Secretary have been very pleasant. Their letters to me at all times have been very helpful and the cheerful manner in which they responded to me on all occasions have proved not only their will-

ingness to help a sister, but their patriotism and loyalty to our beloved order.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,
HARRIET M. FUREY
Department Patriotic Instructor.

ORGANIZER'S REPORT

To the officers and members of the Twenty-third annual convention, Ladies of the G. A. R., I wish to submit the following report:

As Organizer sent fifty "Aims and Objects," wrote twenty-five letters to commanders of posts. Visited Red Key and had a circle partially promised when a fire almost took the main portion of the town causing the people to lose interest, but am still waiting for the call to make one more visit in the interest of the Ladies of the Grand Army.

On April 4, 1916, I issued a call to Sons and Grandsons to organize a camp of Sons of Veterans—the call was answered, 42 Sons taking the obligation at which time the Department Commander, A. W. McDaniels, of Valparaiso, mustered in the camp. I begged the commander to hold the Charter open and on the next Wednesday eve May 3, 1916, 104 were enrolled as Charter Members of John A. Logan Camp No. 48.

Submitted in F. C. & L.,
PEARL WRIGHT,
Department Organizer.

REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Convention of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Department of Indiana:

Dear Sisters: November 9, 1915, the Committee consisting of three members of the Ladies of the G. A. R. accompanied by our president and Sister Howard, made a visit of inspection to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home of Knightstown. We were cordially received by the officers in charge and during the two days' visit shown every courtesy.

The Home is located on a farm of two hundred and forty-two acres situated a short distance from the town. There are numerous buildings estimated to be worth \$220,687.00 all well equipped for the various needs of the institution. The grounds, a natural woodland, are beautiful, and well kept, with cement walks where needed.

An excellent dinner was served soon after our arrival and then the afternoon was spent in visiting, first the admin-

istration building which is occupied by the officers and the girls, for living purposes. The library containing 4,000 volumes and the equipment for the domestic science classes are also in this large comfortable building. We found the living rooms where the divisions of girls meet to read, sew, rest or play under the direction of a governess, home-like and attractive. At the time of our visit there were two hundred and seven girls in the Home.

The school came next. Every grade from kindergarten to second year of high school is taught by competent teachers, required to comply with the state regulations for teachers.

We found the children well mannered and the schools up to the standard of city schools. Besides the training in the common schools, the Home provides opportunity for the boys to be taught farming and gardening, stock raising, care of flowers both out of doors and in the greenhouse, baking, carpentry and cabinet making, (we were shown a beautiful clock case made by boys,) printing and banking. Thus no boy needs to be without means to earn a livelihood. Music, Art and Stenography each have a competent teacher.

The girls learn to cook, sew and keep house and we found them busy and happy.

Mrs. L. A. W. Cumback is personally interested in each girl and boy and showed us the work done by the children and told us of each one's special talents and accomplishments with the enthusiasm and pride of a fond mother. A fine exhibit of basketry, needle-work and school work had just been returned from the Charity Conference and we had opportunity to examine it.

It is a rare treat to see more than five hundred girls and boys march into a dining room large enough to seat them in an orderly manner to the music of a drum. The girls sat on one side of the room and the boys on the other. The older children serve the younger and then themselves, after all return thanks, in concert. The food is wholesome and well prepared and the menus are changed every day. We ate our evening meal in the state dining room with the officers and other guests, and afterward sat on the veranda and listened to a band concert given by the famous Knightstown Boys' Band. At its close we were invited to the parlor where a company of girls and boys entertained us with music, both instrumental and vocal, and recitations of a high grade. The day had been pleasantly and profitably spent and we were ready to seek our pillows.



MARY EMMA BROWN
Department Senior Vice President



A whistle aroused us at an early hour the next morning and we sought the privilege of seeing the children at breakfast before we ate ours.

The greenhouse, bakery, laundry, tailor shop, printing office and kitchens were visited and each was found to be in order and equipped for its special work.

A fine "pig palace" had just been completed and we found something up to date and really wonderful. It was built from specifications furnished by Purdue University.

The hospital, where the children under three years of age have a nursery and where the sick are cared for, is in charge of a trained nurse and her helpers. There is very little sickness at the Home, owing to the location, regular habits of the children and wholesome food.

The boys' divisions living apartments were shown to us and we wished that all homeless boys might have such comfortable sitting rooms and nice clean beds and kind supervisors.

In a large chapel Sunday School at ten o'clock and preaching service at two constitute the Sunday religious services. One of the pastors from Knightstown or a visiting minister conducts the preaching service.

In Supt. Dunn and his wife, who is the matron, the Home has ideal officers. Mrs. L. A. W. Cumback cannot be excelled as a principal for the schools and as far as our judgment goes each one bearing responsibility at the Home is competent to fill the place occupied. Four trustees, sixteen governesses and seventeen heads of departments share the work of managing the Institution. We ate a lunch, the hack was announced, we bade goodby to our hosts and each received a box of flowers and were whirled away to the station feeling that we had spent a most delightful season and had been made to realize what is being done at one of our State Institutions to promote good citizenship.

We most sincerely thank our worthy president for the honor conferred in choosing us to make this visit and only regret that we cannot report all that we saw and enjoyed.

MRS. ELLA MYERS, Treas.

Gen. Manson Circle No. 36.

MRS. NORINE E. DOBBINS, Pres

Benjamin Harrison Circle No. 41

MRS. JOSEPHINE DUDDLESON, Pres.

Terre Haute Circle No. 39.

Committee.

Motion moved and carried unanimously, that telegram of sympathy be sent our Past National President, Etta Lee Toby, and Sister Elizabeth Howard was instructed to send same.

The guard announced that Comrade C. W. Wheeler, of Princeton, was at the door. Sister Florence Myers, his daughter, escorted her father to the platform, and he was obligated into our order by Sister Jennie Irvine, (Sister Irvine's husband was a member of Comrade Wheeler's company.

Mattie Miller, Delegate at large, gave a very interesting report of the National Convention held at Washington, D. C. as follows:

REPORT OF DELEGATE-AT-LARGE

To the officers and members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

One year ago, this body very graciously accorded me the honor of election to the National Convention as Delegate at large.

With Department President Mae Lonberger, Past Department President Elizabeth Howard and her husband and a few comrade friends we left Logansport Sept. 26th, at 1:25 p. m. for our National Capitol.

The train sped Washington-ward through rain which ceased the latter part of the night, leaving the air crisp and clear when we awoke, as we were nearing Pittsburg, Penn. The scenery between Pittsburg and Harrisburg, Penn., was beautiful. We changed to day-coach at Harrisburg and found it very crowded but all in the coach were saying "On to Washington" and we had a jolly time. Ere we hardly realized it we were near our journey's end, and by 3 p. m. Sept. 27th we were ensconced in our beautiful and commodious Department Headquarters at Raleigh Hotel on Pennsylvania avenue.

After refreshing our outward appearance we paid our respects to the National Officers at the National Headquarters, New Willard Hotel.

Many visitors called at our Headquarters in the evening, then about 10 p. m. when we thought to retire, Sister Julia McCorkle came in and reminded us of futher duties, as Indiana ladies. So we donned our reception garments and went down to the second floor where Indiana "Boys in Blue" had their Headquarters, and there former residents of Indiana, but now residents of Washington, were giving all Hoosiers a hearty

welcome. Among those to welcome us were Levi Fouts and wife, who gave us every courtesy possible during our entire stay.

Tuesday morning at 10 p. m. we left by steamer for Mt. Vernon, the great home estate of George Washington. The estate is owned and preserved by the Mt. Vernon Ladies Association, and well kept. The buildings which are in the rear of the sacred mansion are made of wood, cut and painted to resemble stone. In the house we found all the furniture well preserved, portraits, china, silver-service, etc. We noted especially the bed in which Washington died and the crane in the great fire-place, the spinning wheel, the old coach, and the tomb of Washington. The tomb is a severely plain structure of brick almost covered with ivy, with an arched gate-way in front. Above the iron-gate-door are the words "I am the resurrection and the Life; he that believeth on me shall not perish, but have eternal life," inside the tomb can be seen two marble coffins, the one on the right bearing Washington's name and on the left that of his wife.

After passing through the flower-garden, surrounded by quaint boxwood hedges, we took trolley to Arlington National Cemetery on the Virginia hills beyond the Potomac from Washington. Here sleep more than 16,000 soldiers, who died on battlefield to save our Country, and the day we were there all that remained of fourteen of the F4 victims were placed under the sod with proper services. Our Federal City and National Cemetery stand here close together and look each upon the other. For if it must needs have been, that the men who rest at Arlington should die for their Country, what more fitting than that in the bivouac of the long night they should sleep on the heights over-looking our Capitol itself, close to the heart of the Nation they gave their lives for. The art of the landscape gardener aided much by Nature has beautified the surroundings; there are flower-beds and lawns and a profusion of ornamental trees and shrubs.

The Congressional Library, which covers nearly 3½ acres of ground, was our destination Tuesday evening. Hours could be spent in telling of this wonderful building. Days could be spent just viewing the interior—a vision of polished stone—noting the quotations and inscriptions on walls and ceilings. On the walls of the landing between the first and second floors is a large mosaic panel, "The Goddess of Wisdom" which is a wonder, I am unable to describe.

The Second Grand Review, Wednesday, Indiana ladies

were highly favored with seats, being next to President Wilson and his party in the reviewing stand on Pennsylvania avenue adjoining the White House grounds. More than 20,000 G. A. R. Veterans marched down the same avenue they did on that first Grand Review at the close of the Civil War, May 24 and 25, 1865.

It was sad to see this remnant of a victorious army as it passed the stand occupied by the President. Bent backs straightened and feeble steps grew more spry as every eye turned towards the chief executive at the command "Eyes Left." Major General Nelson Miles, grand marshal of the parade, and the staff ten abreast, followed the Cavalry Band. The Army and Navy Regulars, next, made a fine appearance. The jackies marching twenty-five abreast. The District Soldiers or National Guards were in their new dress uniform and every movement was perfection. The mounts of the cavalry men seemed to have almost human intelligence. The yellow trimmings of the cavalry men contrasted beautifully with blue uniforms and white caps of the bluejackets.

More than 70 bands and drum corps furnished music for the marching host. The "Grandsons" fife and drum corps of Washington, 100 strong, furnished music for the official escort of the G. A. R.'s. U. S. Grant Post, of New York, headed by the Marine band, was the honorary escort to the Commander-in-Chief, David J. Palmer, of Iowa. Then came the Grand Army Veterans marching by states, Illinois, the home of the first established G. A. R. Post, at the head. Wisconsin, carrying the effigy of the war eagle "Old Abe," came next and Ohio third. McKinley Post, of Ohio, with the largest American Flag in the world carried vertically by 100 men; next a young lady in white carried two large flags.

"As I looked 50 years ago"—a comrade dressed as he was then, caught the fancy of the crowd, and cheers upon cheers were given him.

There were many old tattered battle-flags, not flung to the breeze but wrapped securely around flag-staffs.

The parade started promptly at 10 a. m. and lasted until 3 p. m. in a continuous march, so we were glad at 4 p. m. to be served our dinners. Wednesday evening we made an attempt to be admitted to the Reception at the Capitol but things prevented and at a later hour we attended the Reception which the Ladies of the G. A. R. tendered Commander-in-Chief David J. Palmer at the handsome New Willard Hotel. Mrs. Lottie



EMMA SCHNEIDER
Department Junior Vice President



Johnson was official hostess, assisted by the National and Past National Official and Department Presidents.

The Convention opened Thursday, Sept. 30, 1915, the call was for 9 o'clock but it was 11 a. m. when the gavel sounded. Sister Burnes, of Chicago, and Sister Allison, of Indiana, performed the duties of conductor and assistant conductor. Sister Lee, of Illinois, and Sister White, of Wisconsin were appointed guards.

The Department of Washington desired their color bearer, Glory Taylor, who is 88 years of age to act in the same capacity in this Convention, but National President declared there was no such office, therefore she could not appoint her.

National Patriotic Instructor Sarah J. Ehrman and conductors retired and presented the flag of our Country, which was followed by spirited discussion on the proper way of presentation.

The order of business as read by National Secretary Genevieve H. S. Lane of Chicago, was accepted. The President then appointed her committees. Sister Mae Lonberger, our Department President was placed on "Committee on Other Reports." Sister Etta Lee Toby, of Chicago, on the courtesy committee. Sister Olive I. Allison our National Treasurer, of Richmond, on the Reception Committee.

The Credential Committee reported 597 delegates entitled to vote. Delegates from Idaho and Mississippi absent.

The roll-call of officers showed all present but Dr. Martin, of the National Council, who it was later learned had taken very ill on her way to the Convention and then lay in a hospital in New York. Later her expenses of \$160.00 were allowed her.

Mrs. William Andrews, of Washington, chairman of the Ladies Citizens Committee, presented luncheon tickets and identification badges for President Wilson's Reception for us at the White House.

Committee from Sons of Veterans were admitted, one being National Patriotic Instructor Pennerman, of Massachusetts, who said of all organizations of which he was a member, the Grand Army and Ladies of the Grand Army towered above them all. In about three hours, he said, he would be a "has been," but he was very much an "isser" now.

At 12 o'clock we adjourned for luncheon to meet immediately after President Wilson's Reception which he tendered us in the White House from 2 to 4 p. m. For two hours President Wilson greeted all visiting organizations in the famous East Room.

The Thursday afternoon session was called to order at 3:30. All National Officers were introduced to the Convention. The Department of California and Nevada presented a picture of the "Liberty Bell" to the Convention, which must be displayed at each National Convention. Reports of all National Officers were read. We then adjourned to meet at 8 p. m. when the Department of Wisconsin presented an exemplification of the ritualistic work they wished to have adopted by Convention, but Convention declined to make any change.

Friday morning 8:55 the Convention opened with few of the officers and delegates in their places. Past National Secretary as Chairman of Council of Administration made report, followed by Registrar's report. Registrar said every Department had sent in complete lists of members.

Past National President Laura McNeis, editor of our "Bugle Call," in her concise report said she sends "Bugle Call" to every Circle and it is the property of the Circle and not of the person to whom it is sent. The cost of publication of same is a little less than \$89.00 per month.

Sister Edith Bravere, National Counselor, who was appointed at previous Convention to furnish and maintain a Ladies of G. A. R. Rest Room in the Varied Industries Building at San Diego and in the California Building at San Francisco, reported that out of the \$200.00 allowed for the same she had \$73.25 left.

The report of Advisory Council was next. Out of the 63 questions, about one-half were not approved.

Greetings from the G. A. R. were conveyed to us by Senator James, of Wisconsin, who favors "Woman's Rights" and said, in his remarks. "Our organization passed a resolution to ask Congress to erect a monument to Clara Barton, that monuments are erected to those who destroyed lives and none to those who saved them and that I would never lay down and quit until the widows receive as much pension as I do, and that is \$25.00 a month."

The first decision of Council was that no two from same Department could serve on Council. The National Patriotic Instructor was instructed to purchase a silk flag and present to the church and Sunday School in whose building we held our meetings. That an official flag may have fringe upon it. That there must be at least three black balls in the ballot box.

That a Circle Registrar cannot serve as Department Registrar.

That the ballot box should be placed on the flag in front of the Bible.

That we indorse the Women's National Made in the U. S. A. League.

That it is no law but a courtesy for sisters to remove their hats in circle meetings.

That it would be impossible to secure enough badges to send one to each of the absent Past Department Presidents.

That the Department Secretary should be the custodian of Department Seal.

Then followed a long discussion in regard to devising some way by which the daughters of a comrade living in Arizona could become a member of some circle. Left unanswered.

A committee from Daughters of Veterans were received to bring their greetings, after which the minutes of council were disposed of and we adjourned for luncheon, which was again a compliment from the Washington committee.

Friday 2:15 p. m.—First a committee from W. R. C. with greetings were admitted, after which we suspended the order of business and went into the election of officers. Officers elected are as follows:

National President—Catherine De Lacy Roche, of Penn.

Senior Vice President—Sister Tarbox, of Maine.

Junior Vice President—Sister Hendrix, of Washington.

Treasurer—Sister Allison, of Indiana.

Chaplain—Sister Browne, of Tennessee.

Counselor—Sister Jameson, of Wisconsin.

Council of Administration—Sister Lane, Norh, and Loomis.

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After much discussion the Editor of Bugle Call's salary remains the same \$50.00 per month. A motion that slips be printed to be pasted in Department Installation books for the purpose of Installing Patriotic Instructors, was adopted. One hundred dollars was set aside for patriotic work.

The recommendation that eligibility blanks be sent out to Department Registrars the first of each quarter, was adopted. About midnight the newly elected officers, and Anna De Lacy Peele as Secretary and Lillian Clark Cary as Patriotic Instructor or were installed by Past National President, Ella S. Jones.

A rising vote of thanks was given Mattie Miller, of Indiana, and Marion Bradbury, of Massachusetts, for acting as pianists during the convention, also to Loverna North, of Washington, for her assistance as reading clerk.

Sister Roche made a very pretty little speech, and Chaplain Jennie Brown prayed for our guidance and protection. The members then sang one verse of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and at 12:45 a. m. Saturday the Twenty-ninth National Convention of the Ladies of the G. A. R. closed. Following are statistics from National Secretary and Treasurer's report:

Members in good standing.....	36,671
Net gain for year.....	1,349
Honorary members.....	19,108
Expended for Relief.....	\$20,641.19
Given to G. A. R.....	5,062.31
Given to the Homes.....	5,061.85
Relief other than money.....	18,007.69
Expended for incidentals.....	58,238.80
Balance on hands in Circles and Departments.....	34,259.08
Balance in National Treasury.....	3,389.75

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

MATTIE MILLER

Delegate-at-Large.

Sister Ivy Wagoner, on behalf of U. S. Grant Circle, presented Sister Rebecca E. Hollis a beautiful umbrella. Reports of Department Patriotic Instructor and Organizer were read. The Committees on greeting from the different organizations reported and were discharged, after which were read the following:

GREETINGS AND LETTERS

Cleveland, O. May 6, 1916.

Miss Mae Lonberger,

Department President, Ladies of the G. A. R., Officers and Members Assembled in Convention:

Greetings from your sister state—Ohio!

At this time I am reminded of the hearty sisterly welcome I received when I extended Ohio's greetings in person at your convention held in Kokomo some few years ago.

Many warm friendships have been formed since that convention which, I trust, will continue as we travel down life's path-way.

I also seize this, my first opportunity, to congratulate the Department of Indiana on the honor conferred upon them by the Twenty-ninth National Convention in electing one of your members, Sister Olive I. Allison, our National Treasurer.

With very best wishes for a pleasant and beneficial session



MAE WARFEL
Department Chaplain



and assuring you I shall be with your convention in thought.
I am,

Sincerely, in F. C. & L.

ANNA E. HIGGINS

Knightstown, Ind., April 22, 1916.

Miss Elizabeth Howey,

Dept. Seey., Indiana Dept., Ladies of the G. A. R.
516 N. Seventh St., Lafayette, Indiana.

My Dear Miss Howey:

There came a time when the Ladies of the G. A. R. seemed to question whether they were doing the best thing possible with the Christmas money they collected for the children of the Home by investing it in candy for them, and they wrote earnest inquiries to me as to whether it would not be better to buy toys, etc. I replied to them, pressing strongly upon them my personal feeling that nothing else could possibly take the place of the great candy treats which their generosity has provided Christmas after Christmas, and I still maintain that any change would result in serious disappointment to the children, who are the recipients of this marked generosity. If the motto, "Let well enough alone," fits anywhere, it applies finely to this candy proposition. The method of handling the Christmas candy last Christmas, was the finest thing in its line that the Home has ever seen. The candy came already put up in pretty packages and each box labeled with the name of the child to whom it was to be given. This greatly simplified the work at this end of the line besides making the present very much more attractive. If the Ladies of the G. A. R. can continue the plan used last Christmas, it will meet with great favor here.

Very sincerely yours,

TEMPLE H. DUNN,
Superintendent.

Knightstown, Ind., Apr. 10, 1916.

My Dear Mrs. Manson:

The shower of glorious flags sent to our school from the Ladies of the G. A. R. is the most beautiful group of flags I have ever seen. They are beautifully made, and the size and number makes a peculiar patriotic appeal that with all my experience with patriotic work, I have never felt before. This feeling is shared by all the children and teachers in our school. Will you in your own gracious way express our deepest appreciation of this gift to all who have made it possible?

Thanking you, my dear friend, for this another proof of your loyalty and love to this Institution, I am always,

Sincerely your friend

L. A. W. CUMBACK

Knightstown, Ind., April 12, 1916.

Mrs. Mae Lonberger, Attica Indiana.

My Dear Friend:

Possibly you will be pleased to know that I am right now engaged in stenciling, on white ribbon, for our new flags the expression, Presented to the I. S. & S. O. Home, 1916, by the Ladies of the G. A. R., Grade I etc. This ribbon reaches across the flag where the white band is placed at the field end and will be easily read as the flag hangs with the field upward. Mrs. Cumback is arranging for the dedication of these flags. We are very proud of them and I am glad to notify you of the pains we are taking, to keep them in the best condition possible.

The Sons of Veterans and their Auxiliary and possibly the Womans' Relief Corps, will be here on the 27th and we shall have our flags flying at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

TEMPLE H. DUNN

Superintendent.

Lafayette, Indiana, May 8, 1916.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Department Convention:

Dear Sister: Am very sorry that I cannot be with you. This will be the second Convention in all the years since the Department was organized, that I have not been with you. But, if I cannot be with you in person I will be with you in heart, and hope for you all a happy and harmonious Convention. With love to all my Dear Sisters,

MRS. JOHN W. GRAVES,

Past Dept. President.

Attica, Indiana, May 9, 1916.

To the Department President, officers and members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention.

Dear Sisters: Words fail to express my disappointment in not being able to be with you this year. First, my health is poor, then too, my sister past 87 years has a broken arm, and my niece now visiting me was taken quite ill; and I feel my duty is at home. While I regret very much, that I cannot be with you, I know my absence will be approved by the Con-

vention. Wishing you all a happy and enjoyable Convention,
I remain,

Your trusting Sister in F. C. & L.
ELIZA E. BROWNING,
Past Dept. President.

Chicago, Ill., May 9, 1916.

Dear Sister President and Sisters:-

Just a word of greeting! I wish for you one of the best meetings in history. May the sentence "I will do all in my power to promote peace and harmony," be the dominating factor in all your deliberations, may your choice of officers be wise and judicious, and we will go forward to a grand and glorious future.

Lovingly,
ETTA LEE TOBY,
Past Nat. President.

A motion prevailed that Circle Presidents read their reports, and they were presented as follows:

LINCOLN CIRCLE, NO. 1

Logansport, May 8.

To the Department President, officers and members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the G. A. R.

Once more I bring you greetings from Lincoln Circle No. 1. As President I wish to submit the following report: Total receipts from May 1, 1915 to May 1, 1916, \$604.81. Members in good standing 225; gained by transfer 1; initiation 75; honorary Veterans 72; Sons of Veterans 104; total 401.

Expenses for year:

Relief	\$ 67.80
Flags	26.77
Post	35.00
Knightstown Boys.....	5.00
Organization fund.....	5.00
Flowers	52.75
Relief estimated other than money.....	71.75
Per Capita Tax sup. and other expen....	225.35
Bal. on hands.....	183.14
Presented to Post one picture entitled "My Jewels" valued.....	4.00
Presented to Clymers School one flag.....	5.00
One flag and gavel to Sons of Veterans.....	3.35

Our annual Home Coming to Veterans was held in Nov. at which time we served them with a banquet. Entertained the 46th Indiana, Oct. 15, at a banquet, at which time I had the honor of obligating into our beloved order Dept. Com. Lewis King of Franklin, presenting him with a gold pin, the emblem of the G. A. R.

In Oct. we purchased a new piano \$275, which all but \$75 has been paid by our monthly coffees, held the last meeting in each month. I had the pleasure of inspecting two Circles, McKinley of Flora and John A. Logan, of Lafayette, and I wish to express my love and thanks to these Circles who so cordially received me. A poem, written by one of our Sisters, Mrs. Kern was dedicated and presented to our Circle.

Organized a Camp of Sons of Veterans, known as John A. Logan No. 48 with a charter membership of 104.

They were mustered in by the Dept. Com. Sons of Veterans, A. W. McDaniels of Valparaiso. At this time I obligated Mr. McDaniels in our order.

Held Memorial Services in our room for our departed Sisters, and the 2nd Tuesday in June is laid aside for decorating our Sisters graves. 75 attended Memorial Services Sunday preceding Decoration Day.

1st and 2nd Sundays in June, we expect to hold services and decorate the Soldiers graves in Clinton township and Clymers station, placing an iron marker on each grave.

Have used 16 flags on departed comrades. Since our organization we have lost by death 33 Sisters.

The year just closing death has claimed 4, and at the present the death angel is hovering over one more.

We are planning as usual to make bouquets for our Decoration Day.

Several sisters having reached the age of 65, we have presented them with a star, the emblem of our order.

We were delightfully entertained at a banquet given by Gen. Lawton Circle, of Monticello, to which we all did justice.

In closing I wish prosperity to every Circle, and I would say sisters, let us each remember our obligation. The spirit of harmony and sisterly love prevails in our Circle and I say God bless Lincoln No. 1,

Yours in F. C. & L.,

PEARL WRIGHT

President.

ROBERT MILROY CIRCLE, NO. 3

Rensselaer, Indiana, May 30, 1916.

To the officers and members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention Ladies of the G. A. R. Department of Indiana:
Dear Sisters:

As President of Robert H. Milroy Circle No. 3, I have the pleasure of submitting the following report from May 1915 to May 1916.

Number of members in good standing 53; honorary members 1; comrades 15.

We have paid for flowers \$14.80, to fund for decorating grave of soldiers buried in the South \$2.00, Knightstown Xmas fund \$3.00, for incidental expenses \$65.60.

Three of our Sisters have crossed the River of Death since last report.

Three comrades have answered the last roll call, 4 silk flags have been used in burial services.

The first of the year we held joint installation with Post 84 G. A. R., Sons of Veterans and W. R. C. and had a very enjoyable time.

We celebrated Lincoln's birthday with a supper and program, having Post 84 and their wives as guests.

Our relief work has consisted mainly of sending provisions and clothing to the needy.

We attended Memorial Services with the Post, Sons of Veterans and W. R. C.

Will give our annual supper to Veterans on Decoration Day.

With best wishes to all for the coming year,

I remain yours in F. C. & L.,

HATTIE HENKLE

President.

JOHN A. LOGAN, CIRCLE NO. 7

To the officers and members of the Twenty-third annual convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sisters:

I bring you greetings and the following report from John A. Logan Circle No. 7, Ladies of G. A.R.

Members in good standing 64, Veterans 78, Sons of Veterans 3, total 145.

Since your last convention two of our sisters have been called home, and for whom we held our service.

Nine burial flags have been used, for comrades who have answered "taps."

In February, in response to an invitation from the pastor, who is a son of veteran, we attended in a body, services at the Christian church held in memory of Abraham Lincoln. Each member wore a silk flag 3x5 inches in size, and also gave one to each comrade, the pastor and the ushers.

We have received and accepted an invitation and will attend in a body the Memorial services to be held at the West Side Baptist church on Sunday May 28, 1916.

We have had a very pleasant year, have had one parcel post social, which netted us quite a nice little sum, and are now nearing the close of a membership contest, which has added to our roster several names and with seventeen to be initiated at our next meeting, and several applications on file.

Submitted, in F. C. & L.,
JULIA McCORKLE
President.

WM. T. SHERMAN CIRCLE NO. 8

Aurora, Ind., May 4, 1916.

To the officers and members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sisters:

I take great pleasure in submitting to you the following report of our Circle:

We have 36 members, 20 honorary members; total membership 56. We have expended during the year for relief \$8.60, for incidentals and Orphan's Home \$41.60, for flowers for sick and deceased \$5.00. We have at present in general fund \$25.47, in flower fund 75c and in relief fund \$1.00; total amount on hand \$27.22.

It has been my sad duty to place Memorial Flags on the breasts of four comrades who have answered the last roll call.

We attended Memorial Services with the Post as is our custom and observed Flag Day and Decoration Day.

With best wishes for the success of the Convention,

I am faithfully yours in F. C. & L.,
LOUISE GIFFIN
President.

GOV. MOUNT CIRCLE, NO. 9

Peru, Indiana.

To the officers and members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sisters: One more year with its pleasures and sorrows has passed, and the joy of meeting again is at hand, and who of us can tell what the next year may bring forth?

However, it is with pleasure I submit the following report:

Members in good standing 49, Honorary members 22, Sons of Veterans 6, making a total of 77. We have initiated 7 sisters during the past year, and placed flags on the breasts of 15 comrades who have answered the last roll call.

Our Circle is working in perfect harmony with the Post. We have in Relief fund \$20.35, and paid out for flowers for sick and deceased comrades \$23.40. Given to Knightstown Home Fund, \$3.00. We attended Memorial Services in a body with the Post on Decoration Day. We had fine Memorial and Decoration Services on the River bridge for Sailors and Marines. Hoping to meet you all at the Convention, I remain,

Yours in F. C. & L.,

MARY BAKER OGLE
President.

FRANK BALDWIN CIRCLE, NO. 14

Elkhart, Ind., May 6, 1916.

To the officers and members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Indiana.

Dear Sisters:

With pleasure I submit the following report of Frank Baldwin Circle No. 14, of Elkhart, Ind. for the past year.

Active working members 33, honorary members 40, total membership 73. We have given to the Post \$55.79, sent to Knightstown Home \$2.00, and have expended for flowers and fruit for sisters who were sick, and for deceased comrades \$15.00.

Relief other than money, \$60.00, for incidentals \$75.69, Have placed on deceased comrades 14 flags. On January 1, 1916. Past Commander C. G. Conn of Elkhart, sent out invitations to all the Soldiers and their families, also the Spanish American boys, whether a member of any Post or not, to attend a New Year dinner given by him at Elmer Post Hall. The day was a hard one and 240 braved the hard storm to be present, and enjoy the feast. The dinner was prepared by the circle sisters. We have had two joint chicken pie suppers with the Post and realized a good sum.

Assisted by the Daughters of Veterans we also entertained

the comrades and families on March 17th with an old-fashioned bean supper which was enjoyed by a big crowd.

Attended Memorial Services with the two Posts, and W. R. C. assisted in making our 300 wreaths, which were placed on the graves by the Boy Scouts. Mrs. A. R. Beardsley the most Patriotic Lady of our city donated a beautiful potted plant for every soldiers grave, thereby remembering some comrades whose friends live in distant cities. About 300 children marched in line in the Memorial Day parade each carrying a small flag.

Mrs. Louisa Dillin Past Department Chaplin installed the officers at a joint installation with the Post. Our treasurer having served the circle for over six years, scarcely missing a meeting during the time, was given a surprise by the sisters on her birthday, numerous gifts were presented her. Before we departed the president handed her a box containing a gold piece from the Circle.

Wishing success to every Circle and a harmonious Convention,

I am in F. C. & L.,

ANNA DAVIS

President.

GARFIELD CIRCLE, NO. 15

Richmond, Ind., May, 10 1916.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Dept. of Indiana.

Dear Sisters:

Another year has passed with its pleasures and sorrows, and I beg to submit the following report of Garfield Circle No. 15, ending April 26.

We have in good standing 28 members, 32 honorary members, making a total of 60 members. We have taken in 2 sisters during the year and 3 honorary members have answered the last roll call.

We have paid out for relief and flowers for the sick members and comrades \$14.50 for relief other than money \$40. Our Executive Board has done work to the amount of \$55.61. Donation to Knightstown Orphans' Home Christmas fund \$5.00. Paid out for incidentals \$80.05. We have cash on hand in general fund \$55.25.

We have placed flags on the breasts of 19 deceased comrades. Condolence Committee have written 5 letters. On

March 31st, we entertained the Post with an indoor picnic which every one enjoyed. We will attend services with the Post on Memorial Sunday and will observe Decoration Day in a fitting manner. With best wishes for this Convention,

I am loyally yours in F. C. & L.

EMMA SCHNEIDER

President.

A. D. STREIGHT CIRCLE NO. 16

Indianapolis, Ind.

To the Department President, Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sisters:

It is with the pleasure I say we have 44 members in good standing, 57 Veterans of Civil war, 6 Sons of Veterans, making a total of 107. We lost 2 sisters by death and one comrade. We also placed flag on comrade's breast from Crawfordsville. We donated \$2.00 to the Soldier's Orphan Home for Christmas fund. Given relief other than money \$671.70. Expended for flowers for sick \$12.00. Balance in Treasury \$23.60.

It gives me great pleasure to report our Circle in a prosperous condition with harmony prevailing and our meetings are well attended.

Yours in F. C. & L.

EMMA MUMAW

President.

After the reading of this report of Circle No. 16., a vote of thanks, by Agnes Carr, was given to this Circle for its services, at the burial of a Comrade of Crawfordsville.

S. W. STIRK CIRCLE NO. 18.

May 1st, 1916.

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sisters:

It is with pleasure that I report that S. W. Stirk Circle No. 18, is making progress and is being looked on with more favor by the comrades than ever before. During the past year we have initiated 11 sisters and obligated 2 comrades and 1 son of a veteran. We have lost 1 dear sister by death and 4 by transfer and withdrawal. We have a membership of 70 sisters, 43 comrades, and 14 sons of veterans; or a total of 127 members. We have placed silk flags on the breasts of 12 comrades, who have answered the last roll call.

Our receipts for the year were gained in various ways. 2 rubber socials netted us \$16.40; A Washington birthday tea \$4.30; A sale of a pillow, \$2.00; \$5.00 as a gift from a comrade; \$2.95 from another tea. Pennies collected for flowers were \$7.67, bringing total receipts up to \$94.39.

Our disbursments were \$5.00 to Knightstown Home; \$35.00 to Lawton-Wayne Post; baskets of fruits at Christmas time to sick and "Shutin's" \$3.00; relief other than money \$4.00; flowers for sick and deceased sisters and comrades was \$11.20. Total disbursments \$114.63, leaving a balance in treasury of \$266.46.

We remember our comrades and sisters who on the account of sickness and age are not able to meet with us often, by calling on them with light refreshments and having a social evening. We also held one cottage prayer meeting with a sick comrade who has been an invalid for three years also with proper greetings during the year. We observed Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday and Appomattox Day. We had a social evening to which the comrades were invited and were pleased to have as our honored guest our Dept. President, Mae Lonberger. We are making preparations to do our share in the observance of Memorial Day.

With best wishes for the success of this noble order of ours, and for this convention, I am

Your Sister in F. C. & L.

FANNIE M. GIBSON

President.

U. S. GRANT, CIRCLE NO. 19.

Washington, Ind., May 6, 1916.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Indiana.

As President, I submit the following report for the year ending May 6th, 1916. Circle meeting are held every first and third Saturday evening of every month with large attendance. Total membership 174, sisters 117, 46 comrades and 11 sons of veterans. We have in our general fund \$38.95; Amount on hand at last report \$72.65; relief other than money \$25.00; flowers to sick sisters \$12.00; Knightstown Orphan Home \$3.00; Two markets netting \$23.00. Placed flags on breasts of comrades 24, and one U. S. Soldier. Lost by death one sister Kate Marsh.

Respectfully yours, in F. C. & L.

MARGARET PADGETT

President.

MARTHA WASHINGTON, CIRCLE NO. 21.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Indiana.

Dear Sisters:

I have the pleasure to submit the following report of Martha Washington Circle No. 21: We have a membership of 146 sisters, 59 comrades, 21 Sons of Veterans, Total 226. During the year our Circle has lost one sister by death, Sister Etta Ratliff age 70, also Comrade Morton.

During the past year we have been called upon to place 4 flags, upon the breasts of departed comrades. We gave \$5.00 to the Knightstown Home Christmas fund. Money expended for relief \$41.03, relief other than money \$163.35. Have furnished 56 bouquets, 5 casket sprays. Memorial fund \$13.04. Amount in the relief fund \$33.29. Amount in general fund \$43.65. We attended the public Installation of the Asbury Steele Post at the Soldiers Home. We pinned a Carnation on each incoming officer, we think our circle is fine and prosperous, and we are proud of it.

Loyally, in F. C. & L.

ELNORA FOWLER

President.

T. W. BENNETT, CIRCLE NO. 23.

Indianapolis, Ind.

T. W. Bennett, Circle No. 23, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, beg leave to submit the following report to the Twenty-third Annual Convention.

We have 26 members of 1915 in good standing, have initiated 5 since February and have 1 candidate to initiate and some applicants to be read.

Have \$9.00 in our treasury, spent for relief other than money nearly \$300.00, made 250 calls, and have supplied clothing for daughters of soldiers.

Our circle is in fine condition socially. Gave to Knights-town Home fund \$2.00. We have one business meeting a month, and one social when we serve refreshments and have a good time. Sisters Martha Little, Eliza Davis, Rebecca Ping and Frances McClure were appointed committee for Memorial Day.

We believe in more sunshine and harmony, and think this will be an uplift to our organization. Respectfully submitted,

In F. C. & L.

CORA V. CLAPP

President.

GENERAL LAWTON CIRCLE, NO. 24.

Monticello, Ind., May 1916.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Indiana.

Dear Sisters:

I submit the following report of General Lawton Circle No. 24. We have 66 sisters, 19 comrades, 4 sons of veterans, total, 89. We have lost during the past year, 3 sisters by death, 1 sister transferred to another circle. We have used 2 burial flags. Sent to Knightstown Home, \$2.00 Christmas fund. Have in flower fund \$8.24. Paid out for flowers for the sick, \$3.00. Paid for burial flowers, \$12.00. Expenditure from the general fund was \$89.16. Amount on hand is \$36.16. Amount on hand in social emergency fund \$12.50.

On Memorial Day we attended services at the Methodist church, with the comrades, and on Decoration day we marched to the cemetery in the forenoon and had services for our deceased sisters, and also, held services over the grave of comrade, Captain Statley. Captain Statley, was one of the first to fall for his country. We then decorated all of the sisters' and comrades' graves and in the afternoon we marched to the cemetery with the comrades of the G. A. R. for the usual services.

Our Circle has done well in the past year and hope to do even better in the future.

Wishing all circles, and all engaged in this noble work, success and strength for better work, I am

Yours in F. C. & L.,

GERTRUDE MURRAY

President.

PHIL SHERIDAN CIRCLE, NO. 26.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Indiana.

Dear Sisters:

I have the pleasure to submit the following report of our Circle.

We have 49 sisters in good standing, 23 comrades, 28 Sons and Grandsons of veterans, Total 110.

We gave \$2.00 to Knightstown Home for Christmas fund. We gave for relief other than money \$90. We have on hand \$22.80. We observed Mother's day by wearing a white Carnation and attended church in a body.

We held Memorial and Decoration services at the same time. We observed Appomattox day.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

FLORENCE MYERS

President.

CAPT. KISER CIRCLE NO. 31.

West Point, Ind., May 5, 1916.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Indiana.

Dear Sisters:

It gives me great pleasure to report Captain Kiser Circle No. 31, in a very prosperous condition. Harmony and a feeling of good will attends us at our meeting every second and fourth Thursday of the month.

We have a membership of 70 in good standing. Have taken in since last convention 3 sisters by initiation and 1 by re-instatement.

We observed Decoration Day in a very befitting manner. Having furnished flags for soldiers' graves in five different cemeteries. Seven dozen being the amount required.

The grim reaper entered our midst and took from us Sister Hummer. Our circle has been dreadfully handicapped in social work by sickness among the members.

We were inspected by Past Dept. Pres. Eliza E. Browning. Our greatest care all winter has been furnishing a pensionless soldier's widow, with the everyday needs of life, and after so long a time we through the assistance given us by our Dept. Pres. Sister Lonberger, placed her in the Lafayette Soldiers Home.

Total receipts of the year \$85.80, expended for relief and flowers \$15, gave to Orphans Home \$2, relief other than money \$30.

We are proud of our Circle and hope our future may be as bright as our present indicates.

Loyally yours, in F. C. & L.,

ZULA ROBERTS BUTCHER

OXFORD CIRCLE, NO. 34.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Indiana.

I beg to submit the following report, of Oxford Circle,

WILLIAMSPORT CIRCLE, NO. 37.

Williamsport, Indiana

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear sisters, it is with pleasure I submit the following report.

We have a membership of 63 sisters, 38 comrades and 17 sons and grandsons of veterans, making total of 118.

Given for flowers and floral designs, \$30. To Knightstown Orphan's Home, \$2.00.

Our patriotic instructor of the post has visited several schools, presented flags and encouraged patriotic teachings.

The 16th of last October we had a basket dinner at court house at time of Battalion meeting with 100 present.

We have lost 2 sisters by death, sisters Catherine Ferguson and Hattie Crumpton.

We went in a body with the Post to Memorial services, and the services were well attended. We made bouquets for the comrades passed away and pinned a Carnation on each of the living.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. & L.
ELLA POWELL
President.

ATTICA CIRCLE, NO. 38.

Attica, Indiana

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sisters:

It is with pleasure I submit the following report:

Our circle is doing good work. We have 39 sisters in good standing, and prospects of several candidates.

We have two honorary members, namely, Mrs. Deborah Burch age 94 and Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson age 98, one sister Fanny Schultz age 88.

Initiated 10 members during past year. Placed 4 flags on comrades' breasts who have answered last roll call, namely Manford Browning, Elijah Julian, John Potter and George Wolfe.

We attended Memorial services in a body and observed Mother's Day in usual manner.

We made 150 bouquets last year and strewed flowers on the water in memory of sailors and marines. We decorated the

graves of comrades in two cemeteries and served lunch to comrades and their wives after returning from decorating graves.

Conducted services for sister brought from Chicago and buried here, Sister Mary Stearman.

Our Department President inspected our Circle and reported it progressing nicely.

Sent flowers to comrades.....	\$2.75
To sick sisters.....	5.95
Knightstown Home.....	2.00
Relief other than money.....	2.00

Observed Washington and Lincoln's birthday by having a social and appropriate program.

Had a public installation and served supper to about 100 people.

Have ten-cent social once per month at some sister's home and average from two to five dollars.

Had a St. Patrick social clearing \$8.25 and another social at one sister's home in the country, all going out on hay ladders drawn by team of mules

Disbursements, \$63.93 ; Cash on hand, \$6.19.

Loyally, in F. C. & L.,
TELLA BORST
President.

TERRE HAUTE CIRCLE, NO. 39.

Terre Haute, Indiana.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.
Dear Sisters:

I am glad to submit the following report. Our time of meeting is once a month and each meeting is attended with interest and enthusiasm.

Active members 40, honorary members 26, total 66. Lost by withdrawal 4, gained by initiation 5, and have 4 in waiting for initiation at next meeting.

We have in our circle a splendid chaplain in person of Miss Sadie K. Davis, who is all but an ordained minister and was elected to that office for life.

We have visited the sick, looked after the needy and have placed flags at the burial services of 3 comrades since Jan 1st.

At Christmas time we gave \$2.00 to Knightstown Orphans' Home and \$1.00 to the Poor Children's Christmas Tree. We gave \$10.00 for Thanksgiving baskets for the poor. Given \$5.50 for relief, and \$150.00 other than money for relief.

By kindness of Knights of Pythias lodge our circle meets in their club-rooms. At our last meeting of our circle we gave \$10.00 to Memorial day fund. Balance in treasury May 1st, \$60.00.

Our circle is being recognized in more ways than one by being connected with the work of the council of clubs and civic affairs. With best wishes I remain,

Yours in F. C. & L.

ROSE KEIFNER
President.

CHESTER THOMPSON CIRCLE, NO. 40.

Lafayette, Ind.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.
Dear Sisters:

Following is report of past year:

Number of visits to sick	1,000
Number of bouquets given	500
Lost by death 4 sisters and 5 comrades.	
Amount for relief	\$40.00
Members in good standing	.87
Comrades	65
Total	152

I wish to mention especially, Comrade Joel Yeager the husband of our first president. He was a noble and faithful member of our order and we felt his loss greatly. The last work he did before passing to that great beyond was to install our officers and we hold his memory in love and esteem.

Wishing all success.

I am loyally, in F. C. & L.

ANNIE DUNHAM
President.

BENJ. HARRISON CIRCLE, NO. 41.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.
Dear Sisters:

With pleasure I submit the following report, of the Benj. Harrison Circle No. 41.

We have 17 members and 3 honorary members, making 20 members. We have taken in two sisters this year, Monticello Circle doing the work. We have placed two flags on comrades, and given flowers to three.

On account of sickness we have been unable to meet regularly. We sent \$1.00 to the Knightstown Home. We have taken in \$23.90 this last year.

Loyally, in F. C. & L.

MINNIE PARSONS

LOYAL CIRCLE NO. 42.

Darlington, Ind., May 1, 1916.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, of Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Indiana.

Dear Sisters:

It is with pleasure that I submit the following report of Loyal Circle No. 42. It is doing very good work. We have twenty-four members in good standing. We will give the obligation to two more sons in our next meeting. We have one son and five comrades. We have gained three new members during our last quarter. We have also buried two comrades in the last quarter. In all we have lost five comrades. Some of these were not obligated, however, but we buried them with honors.

On last Decoration Day we used nearly one hundred and fifty flags. We decorated all out-of-town cemeteries on Sunday before Decoration Day. A large delegation followed us to the cemeteries, and large crowds waited for us at every step. Darlington is voted as having the best Decoration Day exercises for its size of any town in the state since taking up the work. It leaves nothing undone to make it a day long to be remembered. Good music, good speakers, and a good program is always prepared. Our program this year promises to be better than ever. A good band has been selected, and a program as well.

We will observe Memorial Day with a good sermon and special music. We have asked all the churches to observe Mothers Day the second Sunday in May, with special programs, and every one is to wear a white Carnation for mother.

We are constantly giving food sales, and have given several bazaars. We have bought a piano, and are striving hard to pay for it. When a sister or comrade gets sick, we always send cards of sympathy, and flowers.

We have entertained with several six-o'clock dinners, and each member not able to attend always gets a nice share of the eats, as we remember them first. We have spent ten dollars for flowers for the sick and dead. At present we are planning

an old time song concert in order to raise money for Decoration Day expenses. We visited the schools here and taught the salute and pledge to the flag to the pupils. The teachers appreciated it very much, and thanked us for it. The national songs are sung in all the schools every morning, and flags are on the walls in every room. On Centennial day the eighth grade presented the high school with a handsome big wool and linen flag. We had the eighth grade give the flag salute and pledge to the flag. The president of the Loyal Circle gave "The Flag We Love" which brought forth many cheers.

Wishing our sister orders prosperity and good cheer for the coming year,

We remain in F. C. & L.

FLORENCE BUCHANAN

President.

GOVERNOR MORTON CIRCLE, NO. 43.

Delphi, Ind., May 8, 1916.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the G. A. R., Department of Indiana.

It gives me great pleasure to report to you the condition of Gov. Morton Circle No. 43, of Delphi, Ind.

We have a membership of 72, in good standing, sisters 59, comrades 13. During year we have lost by death three sisters, Miss Mattie Gresham, who died Nov. 1, 1916; Mrs. Ella Scott, who died Nov. 26, 1916; Mrs. Sarah Burr who died March 12, 1916. Sister Burr 86 years old an honorary member, mother of a soldier. We assisted in furnishing dinner for the soldiers and sailors annual picnic given in Sept.

We also furnished refreshments for joint installation Post and Ladies of the G. A. R.

We gave \$3.20 to Knightstown Orphans Home Christmas fund. We presented the graded school of Pittsburg, Ind., with a nice wool bunting flag 9x12. We send flowers to all deceased comrades' and sisters' funerals. We paid out \$11.80 for flowers during the year.

We furnished 275 bouquets for Decoration Day, we donated many flowers to the sick from our private gardens.

We attended Memorial services at church in a body with the comrades, and plan to repeat by assisting in decorating the graves and strewing the waters with flowers in memory of our departed soldiers and sailor heroes.

We are young in age but intensely loyal and are adding to our membership.

Since May 1st, 1916, sisters 7, comrades 8, and more in sight.

One of the bright spots in our history was a visit to our Circle April 5th, by our efficient Department President, Miss Mae Lonberger whose pleasing personality left a glow of sunshine in our circle.

Financial standing until May 1st, 1915.

Cash on hand.....	\$29.22
Receipts to date.....	63.70

Disbursements	Total, \$92.92
	\$63.19

Balance \$29.73

Fraternally in F. C. & L.

EMMA WILDER AKERS

President.

McKINLEY CIRCLE, NO. 44.

Bringhurst, Indiana.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sisters:

I beg to submit the following report; during the past year from May 1st to May 1st, McKinley has not been able to gain much. Have lost some by honorable discharge on account of distance away, and while we lost our gains placed us with the usual number of members, 51 in all.

There are always a faithful few at circle meetings and if by work on the part of the regular ones we can rouse more to come we will feel repaid.

For the first time on Memorial Day, we invited the school children to march with us and there were 75 children responded, each carrying flag.

Our circle held Parcel Post sale during year, netting us over \$10.00. We sent a barrel of canned fruit and jellies to Knightstown Home. Gave a dinner and social on Feb. 12th, which was well attended. Had 20 comrades present one of whom was at Andersonville prison survivor, and related a part of the story.

We have placed five flags during year on soldiers' breasts. While we feel weak, we trust for more strength this time another year. With good will and wishes to all,

I remain, in F. C. & L.

ANNA M. WINGARD
President.

WAYNE CIRCLE, NO. 45.

Fort Wayne, Ind., May 9, 1916.

To the Department President, Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sisters:

I bring you greetings from Wayne Circle No. 45. With pleasure I submit the following report.

Total receipts from June 1915 to April 1916, \$177.55. Expenses for the year, \$137.35; Balance, \$40.20. Relief \$34.15, Pennies, \$4.11; Gave Knightstown home, \$5.00. Casket sprays 2, flags placed on deceased comrades 7. Members in good standing 45. Gained by initiation 35. Honorary members 6. Gained by transfer 1. Total 51.

Bows of ribbon and evergreen were made and presented on Memorial Sunday to the Veterans, Sons of Veterans and Spanish War Veterans, as a token of our memory of the departed soldiers and sailors.

Washington and Lincoln's birthdays were appropriately celebrated by our circle.

Two flags were presented to schools. One 12x18 to Harmer school a beautiful new school built on the historical grounds called Harmer's Fort, where Gen. Harmer fought the Indians. The other was presented to Rudisill school, size 12x15. At both of the schools a fine patriotic program was rendered by the children and speeches by veterans of the G. A. R. Posts and also the mother of our circle Mrs. Mary Stirk.

Our circle is going to celebrate its first anniversary, May 17th, by giving an appropriate program for the occasion.

At our last meeting April 28th we initiated eight members and have the promise of more. We think Wayne circle is prospering

I remain yours in F. C. & L.

CLARA HICKMAN

President.

A committee from the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary was announced in waiting at the door. They were received, escorted to the platform and introduced. Committee were Mrs. Lelia Young, Division Patriotic Instructor, of Danville, and Mrs. McConkey, of Bloomington. These ladies extended greetings from their order and presented Department President Mae Lonberger with a beautiful bouquet of pink roses.

A committee from the Womans Relief Corps, composed of Mrs. Savanah Groves, of Knightstown, and Mrs. S. C. Sawyer

of Bluffton, were admitted and escorted to the platform. They extended greetings and presented the Department President with lovely pink and white roses.

A motion was made and carried that Council be sustained in the decision "that circle presidents be allowed to fill their delegations."

Moved that Sister Emma Trion, from the suspended circle of Monroeville, be reinstated and given a vote in this convention. Motion carried.

Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans Newton J. McGuire, of Indianapolis, and L. A. Handly, of Richmond, were announced waiting at the door. They were admitted and escorted to the platform. Both spoke encouragingly of our work. They were given badges and as they retired, the convention sang one verse of our song. "Ladies of the G. A. R."

President announced that nominations were now in order for Department President.

Agnes E. Carr of Crawfordsville was nominated by Jennie Irvine, Cora Clapp of Indianapolis, by Frances McClure, Anna U. Daily of Terre Haute, by Rose Keifner, and Harriet Pope, of Williamsport, by Julia McCorkle.

The judge announced the first ballot as follows: Carr received 24 votes, Clapp 5, Daily 12, Pope 36.

Sister Clapp withdrew and the second ballot was taken which was as follows: Carr 25, Daily 6, Pope 46.

Sister Harriet Pope of Williamsport having received a majority of votes cast was declared elected Department President for the ensuing year.

Moved that we continue the election of officers till one o'clock. Motion lost.

National President Catherine DeLacy Roche, on behalf of the Department, presented to our Department President a beautiful ring, set with emerald and diamonds, she also complimented our Department President on her work during the past year.

Mary Kerr, in a few touching words, presented Department President with set of silver fruit spoons, a gift from Attica Circle.

Convention adjourned for dinner and to meet at one o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Conductors reported all present members of the order. The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved, after which the election of officers was resumed.

Nominations for Senior Vice-President were Addie Thomas, of Indianapolis, and Gertrude Murray, of Monticello. Ballot resulted as follows: Thomas 26, Murray 41; Sister Murray was declared elected.

Elnora Fowler of Marion, and Cora Clapp of Indianapolis, were nominated for Junior Vice-President. Sister Clapp declined, and a motion was made and carried that the vote of the entire convention be cast for Sister Fowler for Junior Vice-President.

Rebecca Hollis of Washington, Anna U. Daily of Terre Haute, and Mary C. Douglas of Attica, were nominated for Treasurer. Sister Hollis withdrew after first ballot. The second ballot gave the following results: Daily 42, Douglas 25, so sister Daily was elected.

Mae Warfel of Monticello, and Mary C. Douglas were nominated for Chaplain. Sister Douglas declined and Sister Warfel was elected by unanimous vote of the convention.

Department President Mae Lonberger was unanimously elected by convention, as Department Counselor.

Mary C. Douglas, of Attica, Emma Akers of Delphi, and Edith White of Ft. Wayne, were elected Department Council of Administration.

Motion was made and carried unanimously, that our retiring Department Secretary, Elizabeth Howey, be elected as Delegate-at-Large to the National Convention.

Motion made that Department allow ten dollars (\$10.00) to each delegate for expenses to National Convention. Motion prevailed.

Nomination of Delegates resulted in the election of the following as delegates:

First Delegate—Mattie Miller, 39 votes.

Second Delegate—Emma Schneider, 29 votes.

Third Delegate—Mamie Mogle, 24 votes.

Fourth Delegate—Florence Myers, 23 votes.

Fifth Delegate—Florence Newlin, 21 votes.

Alternates—Ivy Wagner, 21 votes; Cora Hasfurder, 21 votes; Zula Butcher, 19 votes; Mary Ellis, 19 votes; Mary Kerr, 11 votes.

TUESDAY, MAY 9—4 P. M.

The report of the Department Council was read as follows:

REPORT OF COUNCIL

Meeting opened with prayer and tenmembers responded to roll-call. The questions and decisions are:

1 Why is it, department officers do not all have their expenses paid to the convention?

Ans. Treasury would not permit: Council sustained.

2 Would like to know if we can use our circle flag at funerals?

Ans. Council decided yes. Council sustained.

3 May we be allowed to take Spanish-American War Veterans into the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic as honorary members?

Ans. No. Answered by Rules and Regulations. Article II., Sec. 9, Paragraph 2, Page 7.

4 Should any flag but the regulation silk one, purchased from the Department be used in the burial services for comrades?

Ans. No. Council sustained.

5 Recommended that all circle presidents be allowed to fill their delegations. It was moved and seconded that this recommendation be adopted. Council sustained.

6 Should not this convention set aside a stated sum for the Southern Memorial Fund?

Council decided, yes. Council sustained.

7 Recommended, That the petition Sister Mary Stirk sent to the convention be endorsed.

It was moved and seconded that this petition be endorsed. Council sustained.

Sister Roche explained, in a few touching words, about the Southern Memorial Fund. It was moved by Sister Allison and seconded by Sister Fowler that the department give fifteen dollars(\$15) to this fund. Motion carried.

Committee on Reports and Resolutions Committee reports were read, and accepted by convention.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORTS

To the Officers and Members of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We, the committee on reports, find all reports sent in to us, ready to be handed to the department secretary, and those

not having sent in their reports will forward them immediately, to our department secretary.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

FLORENCE MYERS
FLORENCE ROBERTS
DELLA HUFFY

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Evansville, Ind.

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, Ladies of the G. A. R.

Your Committee on Resolutions beg to submit the following report:

Resolved, that we, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, in convention assembled, extended our thanks to the Mayor and Citizens of Evansville, who so kindly threw open their homes for our comfort.

Resolved, the thanks of this convention be extended to the pastor and members for the use of the beautiful church in which our sessions are being held.

Resolved, that to the U. S. Grant Circle, of Washington, we owe sincere gratitude for the excellent exemplification of the ritualistic work,

Resolved, that we extend our thanks for the delightful moon-light ride on the beautiful Ohio river.

Resolved, that to the Boy Scouts, the future defenders of our flag, who gave their untiring assistance, we extend our thanks.

Resolved, that this convention extend its thanks to Sister Edna Davis, who is so kindly and faithfully performed her duties as musician for this convention.

Resolved that we extend to our retiring President, Sister Mae Lonberger, and her able staff of officers our appreciation of their work and loyalty to our order.

Resolved, we extend to our dear President our best wishes and may she have no clouds; but should any appear may they all have a silver lining.

Submitted in F. C. & L.

AGNES E. CARR, Crawfordsville.
MARGARET PADGETT, Washington.
MARY BAKER OGLE, Peru.

REPORT OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-third Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

We have audited the books of both secretary and treasurer, and find them correct in every respect.

Loyally, yours in F. C. & L.

FLORENCE NEWLIN
MATTIE MILLER
CORA HASFURDER

Sister Olive Allison, in a few chosen words, presented to our national president, a lavalier as a token of love, from our department.

Sister Elnora Fowler, on behalf of her circle, presented to department president Mae Lonberger, a pair of beautiful towels.

The custodian of the church where the convention was held was given \$2.00.

National President Catharine Roche was selected to install the new department officers.

Department President—Harriet Pope, Williamsport.

Senior Vice-President—Gertrude Murray, Monticello.

Junior Vice-President—Elnora Fowler, Marion.

Secretary—Eudora Fouts, West Point.

Treasurer—Anna U. Daily, Terre Haute.

Chaplain—Mae Warfel, Monticello.

Patriotic Instructor—Julia McCorkle, Lafayette.

Convention sang closing ode. Prayer by the chaplain.
Adjournment.

ELIZABETH HOWEY

Department Secretary.

MATTIE MILLER

Assistant Department Secretary.

HISTORICAL PAGEANT

Thursday evening we were given a great treat, by attending the Historical Centennial Pageant given at Bosse Field illustrating one hundred years of Indiana history, from the birth of the state to the present time. Fully twelve hundred people took part in this great spectacle.

Indeed our stay in Evansville, was a most enjoyable time from the beginning to the grand finale of the pageant.

ELIZABETH HOWEY

Department Secreatry.



In Memoriam

Lincoln Circle, No. 1

MARTHA PITTINGER ROSE SMITH
ANNA IRWIN IRENE MERIWEATHER

John A. Logan, No. 7

LYDIA HENDERSON AMANDA O'CONNOR

A. D. Straight No. 16

MARY LOVE CARRIE RENZ

S. W. Stirk, No. 18

JENNIE CHALFANT

U. S. Grant, No. 19

KATE MARSH

Martha Washington, No. 21

ETTA RATLIFF

General Lawton, No. 24

MARGARET SWICK MEDORA GELLEMAN

Capt. Kiser, No. 31

CHRISTINA HUMMER

General Manson, No. 36

LIDA HOSTETTER

Williamsport, No. 37

CATHERINE FERGUSON HATTIE CRUMPTON

Chester Thompson, No. 40

JUEL RICHARD MARY S. FEAREY
ELIZABETH IRWIN

Loyal, No. 42

CORONA McDANIEL

Morton, No. 43

MATTIE GRESHAM SARAH ANN BURR
ELLA SCOTT

Circle Directory

Lincoln, No. 1, Logansport.....First and third Tuesday, 2:30 p. m
Robert Milroy, No. 3, Rensselaer....Second and Fourth Thurs., 2:30 p. m.
John A. Logan, No. 7, Lafayette....Second and Fourth Thurs., 2:30 p. m.
Wm. T. Sherman, No. 8, Aurora.....Second and Fourth Thurs, 7:30 p. m.
Gov. Mount, No. 9, Peru.....First and Second Monday, 2:30 p. m.
Frank Baldwin, No. 14, Elkhart.....Every Friday, 2:00 p. m.
Garfield, No. 15, Richmond.....Every alternate Wednesday, 2:30 p. m.
A. D. Streight, No. 16, Indianapolis.....Every Thursday, 2:30 p. m.
S. W Stirk, No. 18, Ft. Wayne.....Second and Fourth Friday, 7:30 p. m.
U. S. Grant, No. 19, Washington.....First and Third Saturday, 7:30 p. m.
Martha Washington, No. 21, Marion.....Every Tuesday, 2:00 p. m.
T. W. Bennett, No. 23, Indianapolis.....Second and Fourth Tues., 7:30 p. m.
Gen. Lawton, No. 24, Monticello.....First and Third Friday, 7:30 p. m.
Phil Sheridan, No. 26, Vincennes.....First and Third Monday, 7:30 p. m.
Capt. Kiser, No. 31, West Point.....Second and Fourth Thurs., 2:00 p. m.
Oxford, No. 34, Oxford.....First and Third Thursday, 2:30 p. m.
Old Glory, No. 35, Galveston.....Second and Fourth Saturday, 2:30 p. m.
Gen. Manson, No. 36, Crawfordsville.....Second Tuesday, 2:30 p. m.
Williamsport, No. 37, Williamsport.....First and Third Sat., 2:30 p. m.
Attica, No. 38, Attica.....First and Third Friday, 7:30 p. m.
Terre Haute, No. 39, Terre Haute.....Second Monday of month.
Chester Thompson, No. 40, S. S. H., Lafayette....Every Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Benj. Harrison, No. 41, Wolcott.....Every alternate Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.
Loyal, No. 42, Darlington.....Second and Fourth Saturday, 2:30 p. m.
Gov. Morton, No. 43, Delphi.....First and Third Saturday, 2:30 p. m.
McKinley, No. 44, Flora.....Second and Fourth Tuesday, 2:30 p. m.
Wayne, No. 45, Ft. Wayne.....Second and Fourth Friday, 2:30 p. m.

Protect Our Flag

Mrs. A. T. Kern

One morning while yet in slumberland
A guiding spirit clasped my hand;
We soared away o'er land and sea;
A commanding voice seemed calling me
Until, I saw a wonderous gate.
My spirit guide said: "Watch and wait,
The loyal and true will greet you here
Glorified spirits, you need not fear."
Then behold! I saw the gate ajar—
Soldiers were gathering from near and far;
The flag for whieh they fought and died,
They held aloft with conscious pride.

Washington led that grand array;
He turned to me, and thus did say:
"Daughter of the Revolution, my message take
To the country I love, for my love's sake.
It givies me to see our flag unfurl
To lure and deceive, destruction hurl.
To protect our flag; give greater length
To the arm of law—gird it with strength.
Those who are fighting, are our brothers still,
Don't give them weapons wherewith to kill;
They are fighting for power and nations to sever;
We fought for freedom and union forever."

The dear face of Lincoln I knew at a glance.
He corrected our prayers and talked finance;
He gave this message: "Be careful and wise;
Guard all your interests with watchful eyes.
Praying for peace, doesn't do any good
Unless you do the things you should;

Your prayers for peace, while making guns
Don't please the Lord, He knows they're puns."
He told how he tried, in darkening days,
For our country's need, some money to raise
England asked more interest than was right to pay;
Lincoln "shin plasters!"—they saved the day.

The father and savior of our dear land:
Washington and Lincoln, stood hand in hand;
They bade me Godspeed—this message to give:
"Protect our flag, that our nation may live."
To Comrades and Ladies of the G. A. R.
Who love every stripe and every star,
I dedicate this plea: For the Red, White and Blue,
They will understand, that my vision is true.



General Orders Issued During the Year

GENERAL ORDER NO. 1.

Attica, Ind., June 14, 1915.

I. Having been elected Department President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic by the majority of the members of the 22d Annual Convention, held in Marion, Ind., May 26, 27, 28, I hereby assume the duties of that office. In doing so I want to extend my sincere thanks to all for the honor conferred upon me and earnestly ask the support of every member. The following department officers were elected and were installed by our National President, Mary A. Jameson, of Marine City, Mich.

Dept. President—Mae Lonberger, Attica.

Dept. Senior Vice-Pres.—Mary E. Brown, Marion.

Dept. Junior Vice-Pres.—Emma Schneider, Richmond.

Dept. Chaplain—Mae Warfel, Monticello.

Dept. Treasurer—Rebecca E. Hollis, Washington.

Dept. Councillor—Elizabeth E. Howard, Logansport.

Council of Administration—Florence Newlin, Crawfordsville; Cora Hasfurder, Logansport; Verda Overly Lythe, Marion.

Delegates to National Convention—Delegate at Large, Mattie Miller, Logansport; First Delegate, Anna N. Daily, Terre Haute; Second Delegate, Belle Roberts, Indianapolis; Third Delegate, Florence Myers, Vincennes; Fourth Delegate, Alice Sink, Fort Wayne; Fifth Delegate, Mary Douglas, Attica.

Alternate—Addie Thomas, Indianaoplis; Nellie Hinkey, Logansport; Etta Porter, Marion; Emma Tyson, Lafayette Soldiers Home; Alla Whitehall, Attica; Mary Kerr, Attica.

Elizabeth Howey, of 516 N. Seventh St., Lafayette, was appointed Department Secretary; Hattie Furey, of Logansport, was appointed Department Patriotic Instructor and both were installed in their respective offices.

II. I hereby make the following appointments:

Department Inspector—Belle Roberts, Indianapolis.

Department Librarian—Ellen Kressler, Rensselaer.

Department Organizer—Pearl Wright, Logansport.

Department Corresponding Secretaries—Lida E. Manson, Crawfordsville, Carrie Harper, of Elkhart.

Department Registrar—Jessie Osborn, Attica.

Committee to visit Knightstown Home—Ella M. Myers, Crawfordsville; Norine Dobbins, Wolcott; Josephine Duddleston, Terre Haute.

DECISIONS OF ADVISORY COUNCIL SUSTAINED BY CONVENTION

III. Question No. 1. Why not make it obligatory for Circles to pay mileage or mileage and per-diem of delegates to the Department Convention?

Council recommended that when the Circles are able, they, at least pay railroad fare of their President and Delegates to the Department Convention.

Question 2. Could a meeting be held at the home of a sister, as through sickness it is impossible for the sister to mount the stairs to the hall?

Yes, but charter must be in the room.

Question 3. When a member is reported suspended for non-payment of dues, is it not the duty of the Treasurer to notify her either in writing or verbally? Yes.

Question 4. Does Section 3, Article VI. of general rules page 37, Rules and Regulations, apply to Circles or Departments and National only?

Questions intended for Department Convention must pass through the hands of the Circle President to the Council. If intended for the National they must take the same course to the Council, thence through the Department President or Convention to the National Convention.

IV. All money for supplies and orders for supplies should be sent direct to Rebecca E. Hollis, Department Treasurer.

V. Quarterly reports are to be sent to Elizabeth Howey 516 N. Seventh St., Lafayette, Ind., before the 20th day of each quarter and must be accompanied by the Bugle Call assessment and per capita tax either in money-order or bank draft, made payable to the order of Rebecca E. Hollis, Department Treasurer.

VI. Money-orders for the organizing and Christmas fund should also be made payable to Rebecca E. Hollis but sent to Elizabeth Howey who will receipt Circles for same. Sisters don't fail to do your very best to aid these funds.

VII. It is very necessary that each Circle Secretary make a record of each member with her eligibility to our order

and forward same to Jessie Osborn, Attica, Ind., as she must keep accurate record of same. Registration blanks can be secured of Department Treasurer.

VIII. The National Convention will convene in Washington, D. C. during the week beginning Sept. 27, 1915.

IX. The Department pass-word will accompany this order.

X. In closing, will say, if, with your help, we make this year as successful as the past year has been, I feel that I have not been a failure. With your help and good-will, we must and will make it a success. I stand ready to help any sister at all times and in any way that is possible.

Sincerely, in F. C. & L.

MAE LONBERGER

Department President

ELIZABETH HOWEY

Department Secretary.

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 2.

Attica, Ind., Oct. 25, 1915.

I. I desire first of all, to extend my heartfelt thanks for the many kind letters and good wishes I have received since entering upon my duties. I find the work very fascinating and helpful.

Am glad to report a rapid growth in our membership and especially glad to see so many young people ready to step into the ranks which our worthy sisters before us have ask us to fill. May we do our work as well as they in perpetuating the memory of those who offered up their lives for us.

II. We desire to give expression of our loss of one faithful sister,—Sister Ermina Sawtelle, Past President of S. W. Stark Circle of Ft. Wayne,—by asking that each circle charter be draped for thirty days. We feel that our loss is her gain.

III. Again, I want to ask you not to neglect sending your contribution for the Knightstown Home Christmas fund. Send remittances to Department Secretary Elizabeth Howey, 516 N. Seventh street, Lafayette not later than December 1st, but make check payable to Department Treasurer Rebecca E. Hollis, 911 W. Van Trees street, Washington.

IV. Election day is drawing near, and I beg of you to lay aside personal friendship on this day and do your part by voting for the one most capable to fill office, for in doing so you will be building on a firm foundation that will enable us to add many more to our membership.

You also elect your delegate to Department Convention on this day. One delegate for every twenty-five members or a fraction over half that number in good standing on September 30th. Your retiring Secretary sends election returns in full to the Department Secretary immediately after election.

V. In a few weeks our national Thanksgiving holiday will be here and we earnestly desire to thank our Heavenly Father, as one great and happy Grand Army family, for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us; and we, as individuals on this sacred holiday, should do our part toward seeing that not one comrade or his dependent ones feel the need of the necessities of life. Show him the respect and appreciation due him as a veteran of that Grand Army which we honor.

Let us not forget to fittingly observe the birthdays of our immortal Lincoln and Washington for they afford some of the very best opportunities of the year to instill the lessons of patriotism.

VI. If death has entered your circle and one of your members has "crossed the bar," we have set the last meeting in December for each circle to hold memorial service for the departed; and though a link of the chain of our beloved circle may be broken we should feel that those who have gone from us have gained more than we have lost for they have but passed on into the future life where God reigns and all is good.

VII. Before I send out another General Order another anniversary of our Savior will have passed and I wish to extend to one and all my sincere good wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

VIII. Again I thank you for your many kind letters and the courtesies extended me and I desire to remain,

Loyally yours, in F. C. and L.

MAE LONBERGER,

Department President.

ELIZABETH HOWEY,

Department Secretary.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 3.

Attica, Ind., April 6, 1916.

I. The Twenty-third Annual Department Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Evansville, May 9, 10 and 11, 1916. During the day of May 9th, a local Reception Committee will meet all trains, traction

cars and boats to greet delegates and friends and escort them to their proper headquarters.

II. Headquarters of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be established at the New Vendome Hotel, rooms 305 and 306, and the following is the program:

TUESDAY, MAY 9th.

9:00 a. m. The Reception Committee, Elizabeth Howard, of Logansport, Harriet Pope, of Williamsport, Anna N. Daily, of Terre Haute, and Mary Ellis, of Washington, will be at Headquarters in waiting to receive and welcome all members and friends of our organization.

2:00 p. m. The Credential Committee, Elizabeth Howey, of Lafayette, Louise Griffin, of Aurora and Anna McCoy, of Vincennes, will be at Headquarters to receive all credentials and on registering all delegates will be given official souvenir badges and free tickets to all entertainments.

4:00 p. m. The Advisory Council will meet at Headquarters and all questions desired to be brought up at this time, must be sent to Department Secretary, 516 N. 7th St., Lafayette, not later than May 1.

4:30 p. m. Auditing Committee will meet at Headquarters to audit books.

7:30 p. m. Evans Hall. Meeting of all organizations; address of welcome and responses by a representative of each organization.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th.

9:00 a. m. Presbyterian Church, corner Walnut and Second streets. Business session. We desire promptness at the hour stated.

10:30 a. m. Exemplification of the ritualistic work by U. S. Grant Circle, of Washington, Ind.

2:00 p. m. Joint Parade of all organizations.

4:30 p. m. Reception at Evans Hall for National and Department officers of the various organizations.

8:00 p. m. Moonlight excursion on Steamer Hopkins and two barges on the beautiful Ohio river.

THURSDAY, MAY 11th.

8:00 a. m. Continuation of business sessions.

8:00 p. m. Bosse Field. Viewing of the Historical Indiana Centennial Pageant.

III. All orders for supplies must be in and all accounts for Department Treasurer settled by May 1, as books will be closed and no supplies issued after that date.

IV. Circle Presidents will forward immediately all delayed reports, also send to Department Secretary the names of deceased sisters who have passed away during the year.

V. Charles E. Harmon, 315 Sycamore Street, is Chairman of hotel and other room accommodations and you can write him for desired information in locating rooms.

VI. The second Sunday in May is set apart throughout our land in honor of the best woman that ever lived, "Our Mother." Let us in every way possible make her realize how much we appreciate the opportunity of paying this tribute to her. Let us trust that no mother, living or passed away, will not receive the proper tribute due her.

VII. Our ever-sacred Memorial Day is fast approaching and with sad hearts we realize that our comrades are dropping from the ranks very rapidly. It is earnestly desired that every sister will do her part on this day and

"As long as the sky shall bend above
Long as the hero's flag shall wave,
Long as the soul of man shall love,
We'll decorate our soldier's grave."

In issuing this, my last General Order, I desire to express my sincere gratitude and love to those that have proved so loyal to the cause we are trying to perpetuate and for the many kindnesses shown me. I feel that I have not accomplished what I had hoped to but I assure you I have tried to do my best and I trust you will be just as kind and loyal to my successor as you have been to me.

Very respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

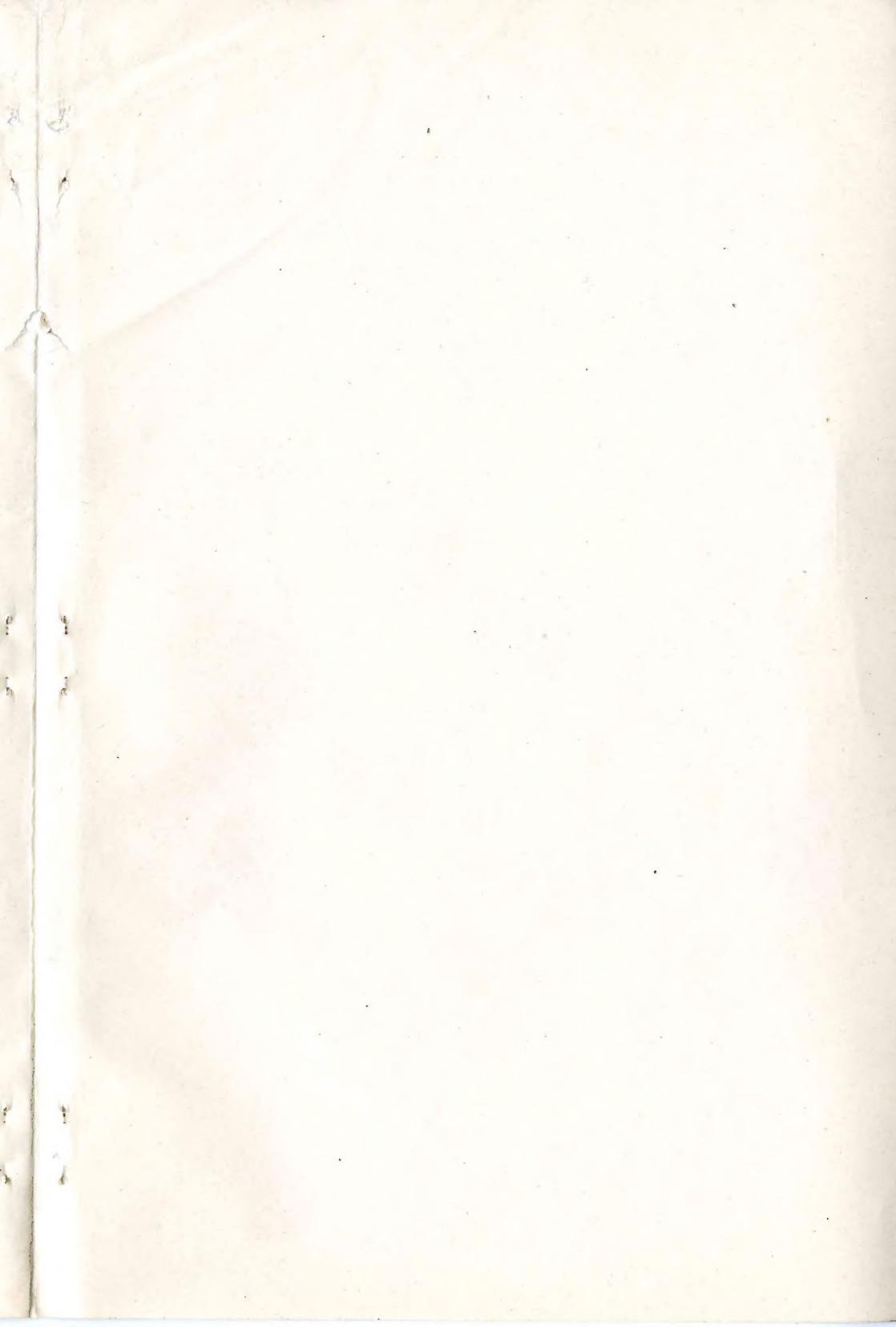
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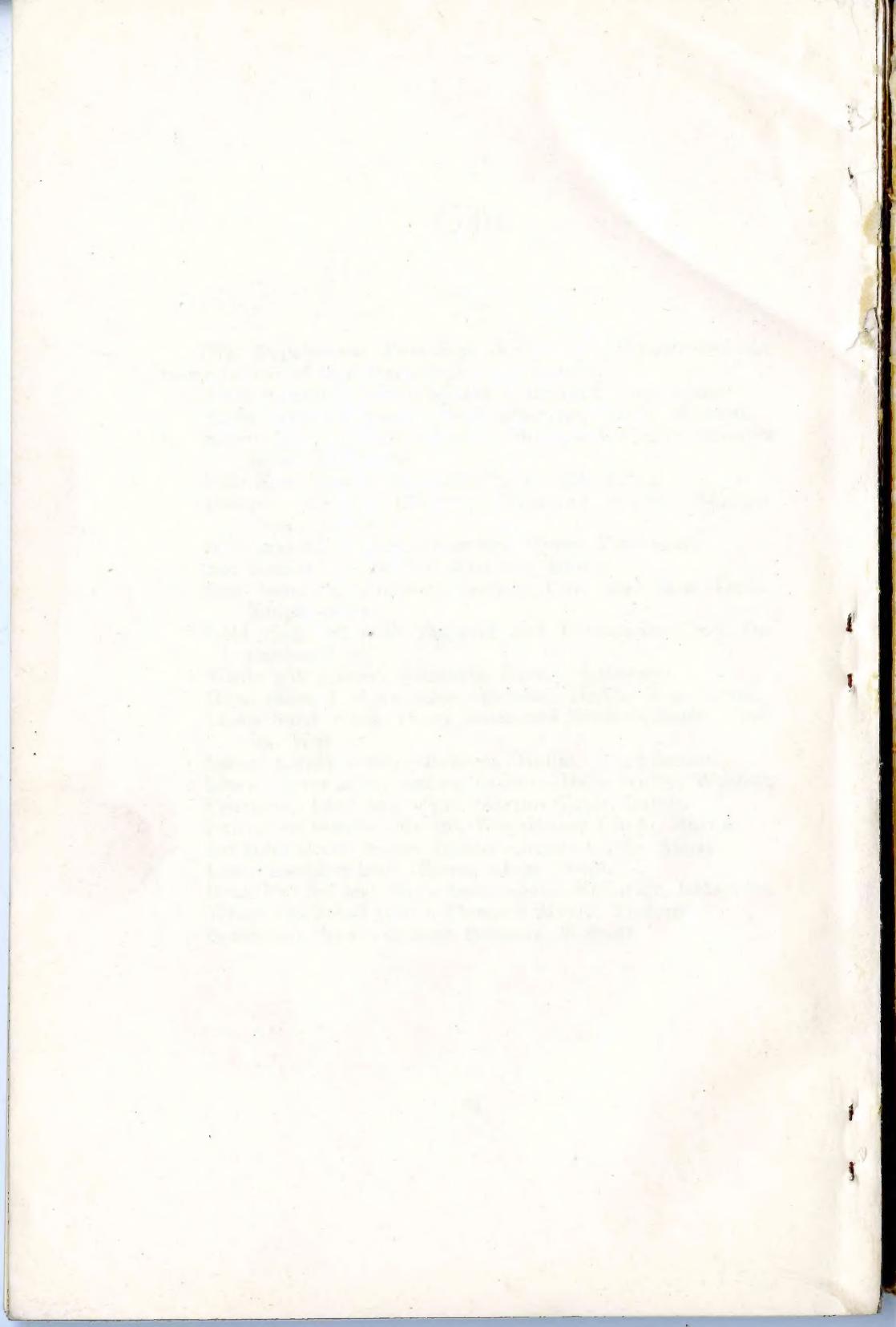
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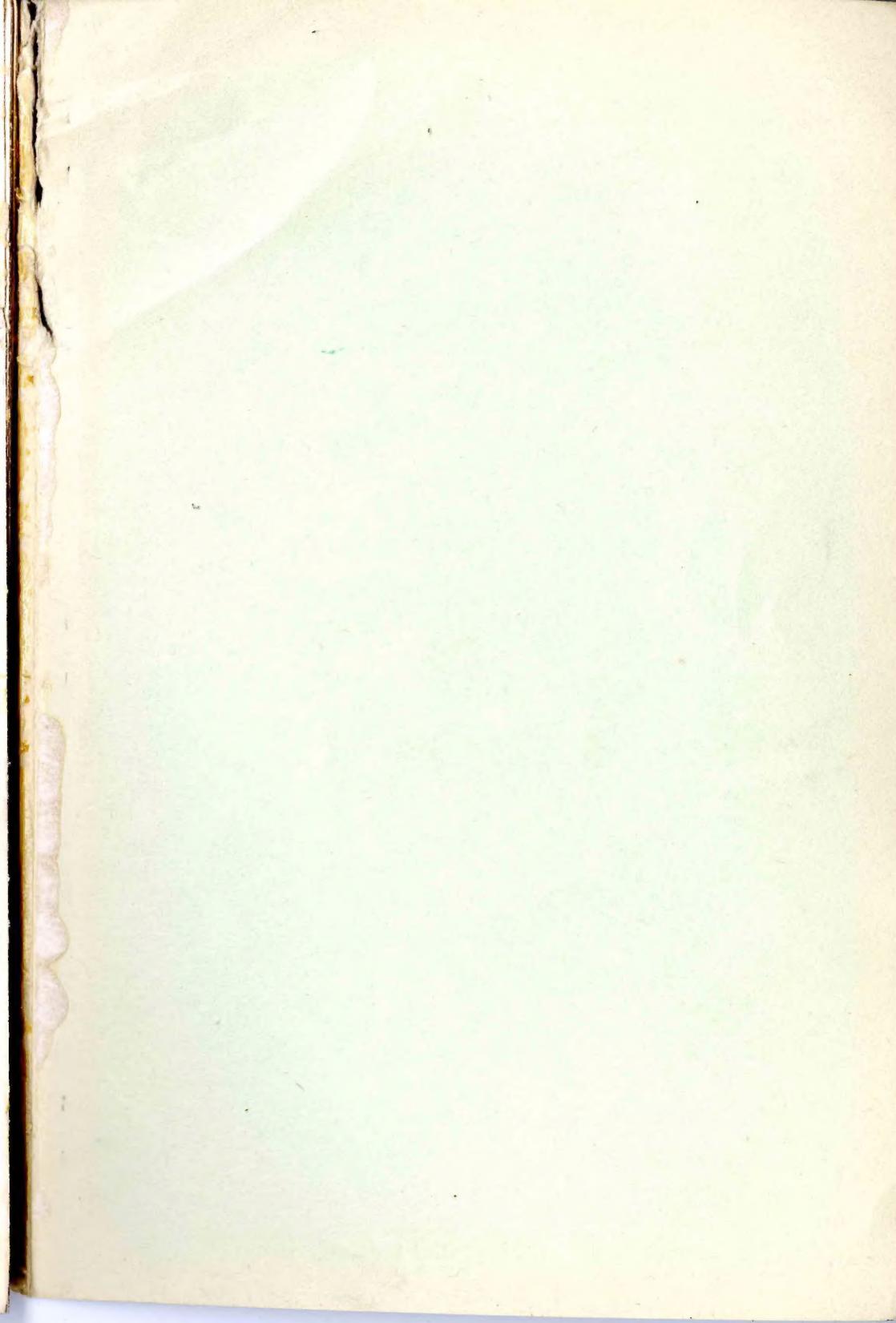
Gifts

The Department President desires to acknowledge the many tokens of love from circles and sisters:

Pink crocheted yoke—Elizabeth Howard, Logansport.
Silver souvenir spoon—Benj. Harrison Circle, Wolcott.
Silver berry spoon—Chester Thompson Circle, Soldiers Home, Lafayette.
Pair linen towels—Julia McCorkle, Lafayette.
Bouquet flowers—Chester Thompson Circle, Soldiers Home, Lafayette.
Blue and white quilt—Florence Myers, Vincennes.
Box stationery—Bertha Wendeln, Marion.
Box beautiful chrysanthemums—Prof. and Mrs. Dunn, Knightstown.
Gold ring, set with Emerald and Diamonds—From Department.
White silk gloves—Elizabeth Howey, Lafayette.
Hand-painted china plate—Rebecca Hollis, Washington.
Linen lunch cloth, Cluny crocheted border—Norine Dobbins, Wolcott.
Linen handkerchief—Rebecca Hollis, Washington.
Linen center-piece, tatting border—Della Hufty, Wolcott.
Crocheted hand bag—Gov. Morton Circle, Delphi.
Pair linen towels—Martha Washington Circle, Marion.
Set solid silver orange spoons—Attica Circle, Attica.
Linen handkerchief—Emma Akers, Delphi.
Beautiful red and white roses—Julia McCorkle, Lafayette.
White crocheted yoke—Florence Myers, Vincennes.
Crocheted shawl—Norine Dobbins, Wolcott.







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